

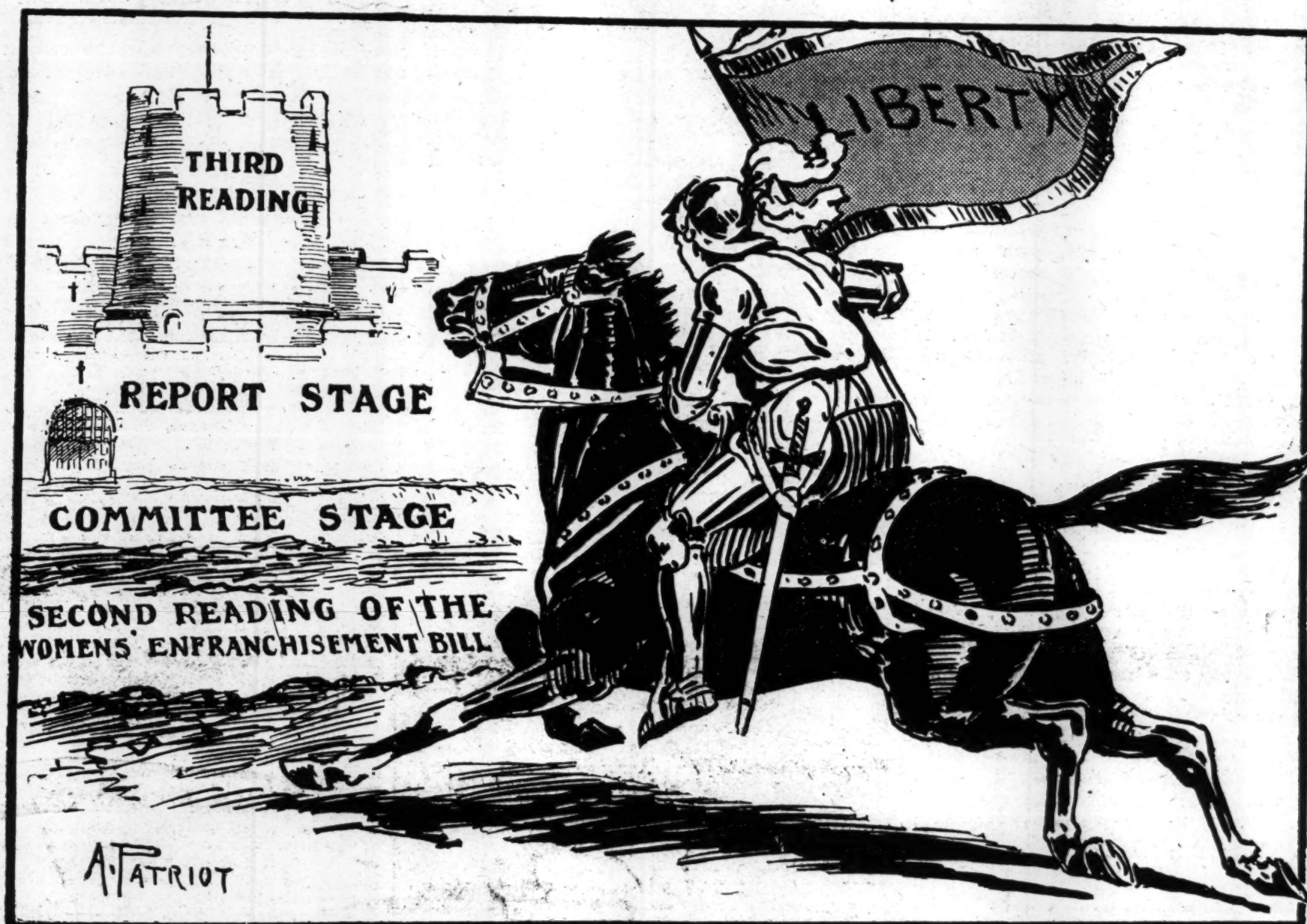
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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

## THE OUTLOOK.

The discussion of Woman Suffrage is to-day transferred from the country to the House of Commons, where the second reading of Sir George Kemp's Bill to give the vote to women householders is being debated. It is understood that the Anti-Suffrage speakers will place special reliance on three contentions: (1) that women do not want the vote, (2) that the electors (men) do not want them to have it, and (3) that the present Bill is particularly open to objection.

### Do Women Want the Vote?

The Anti-Suffragists allege that as the result of a canvass conducted among women municipal voters, they have discovered that a large majority are against being enfranchised; but wherever the same ground has been covered by the Suffrage Societies a totally opposite

result has been obtained. Thus in Liverpool, which is one of the cities quoted by the Anti-Suffragists, the Liverpool Suffrage Society canvassed seven wards, and out of 3,185 women on the register secured signatures to a Suffrage petition from 1,611; of the remainder, 471 refused and 1,103 were not seen. These figures yield 77 per cent. in favour of those actually seen. Again, in Bolton, out of 5,750 women on the register 2,660 declared themselves in favour, and only 610 against, and 340 indifferent, the remaining 2,140 being either "removed," "ill," "dead," "disqualified," or unable to be seen. These figures yield 73 per cent. of those actually seen in favour of Woman Suffrage.

### Defects of the Anti-Suffrage Canvass.

The Anti-Suffrage canvass was conducted partly by paid messengers who marked the cards themselves after a talk with the women householders, and partly through the post. The first method is utterly unreliable, being dependent, to a large extent, on the bias of the canvasser; and the figures obtained from it are accordingly wholly worthless. The second method might be of some value if (1) there were any guarantee that the replies were really sent by the women themselves, (2) the questions were such to admit of no ambiguity; but both these elements of security were wanting. Reply postcards were employed and many women have stated that they did not receive these cards themselves, and therefore if they reached the house they were filled in and returned by others. The first question was, "Do you wish political power to remain in the hands of men or do you wish it to be given to women?" This obviously admits of the interpretation that it is proposed to take the vote away from men and give it to women. The second question was generally, "Do you consider that women should be given the vote for Parliamentary elections?" This question was taken by many women to relate to a

proposal to give Adult Female Suffrage and to have nothing whatever to do with the Bill at present before Parliament. Any of the following questions would have been fairly satisfactory:—

"Do you, a municipal voter, desire to have the Parliamentary Vote?"

"Do you believe that women who pay rates and taxes ought to have a Parliamentary vote?"

"Do you think that the Parliamentary Franchise ought to be given to those women who already possess the municipal franchise?"

"Do you think a woman householder ought to have the vote?"

So far as we can learn, none of these were ever employed.

### Evidence that Women Want the Vote.

The evidence that women do want the vote is in reality overwhelming. It rests on two unequivocal facts, firstly, that practically every organised body of women has at some time or other petitioned Parliament or carried a resolution in favour of the Woman Suffrage Bill, while not a single body of organised women (with the exception of the Anti-Suffrage Society, now swallowed up in a joint league of men and women) has ever expressed a contrary opinion; and secondly, that out of the City and Town Councils, elected partly by women's votes, sixty-five have expressed themselves in favour of the Conciliation Bill, while not a single one has carried a resolution against it. The organised bodies of women who have expressed themselves in favour include, in addition to the numerous and important Woman Suffrage Societies, the following important bodies:—

The Women University Graduates.  
The Women Doctors.  
The Association of Headmistresses.  
The Association of University Women Teachers.  
The Incorporated Assistant Mistresses in Secondary Schools.  
The Society of Registered Nurses.  
The Nurses' International Congress.  
The Women's Co-operative Guild.  
The National Union of Women Workers.  
The Women's Liberal Federation.  
The Women's National Liberal Association.  
The National British Women's Temperance Association.

The City and Town Councils include those of Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Birmingham, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Dublin, and Cork (the full list is given on page



509). The influence of the women's votes in obtaining these decisions by the Councils is realised even by the anti-suffragists themselves, for in their own organ in February last the Editor wrote:—"It is significant that these resolutions come almost exclusively from bodies which depend to an appreciable extent for their election upon the votes of women. The pressure exerted upon the Councils may be unconscious but is none the less real." After that admission what need is there of further proof that women want the vote?

#### Do the Electors Want Women to Have the Vote?

The second point in the Anti-Suffrage argument is that the present electors do not want women to have the vote. Even if this were true it would not in our opinion provide any valid reason why they should not be enfranchised, though it might make their enfranchisement harder to secure. But on what evidence do the Anti-Suffragists rely for their statement? They say, firstly, that in the General Election of December last no serious attempt was made by the Suffragists to test the feeling of the country. The answer to this is that it is outside the power of any one except the leaders of one of the great political parties to test the feeling of the electors as a whole on any issue whatever, but when the Anti-Suffragists go on to allege that "no single member of the present House of Commons has received any sort of mandate from his constituents to support even the general principles of Woman Suffrage, much less to vote for the Bill which is now before the House," their assertion can be shown to be directly untrue. Several hundreds of the members of the present House of Commons, being pressed for their opinion on Woman Suffrage during the election, publicly pronounced themselves in favour (many of them expressly mentioning the Conciliation Bill). Their return to Parliament after this pronouncement is evidence of a mandate on behalf of their constituents. On the other side the Anti-Suffragists can only muster a handful who publicly pronounced themselves hostile. Members of Parliament are representatives and unless it can be directly proved that they are misrepresenting their constituencies, their views have to be accepted as the views of the majorities of their electors.

#### Suffrage Candidatures.

The Anti-Suffragists will no doubt attempt to make capital out of the unsuccessful Suffrage Candidatures promoted by another Society in East St. Pancras and the Camachie Division of Glasgow. Apart from the fact that these candidatures were arranged without adequate preparation, they were, as our readers will remember, regarded by us from the first as based on a fundamental mistake in policy. The question which was put in effect to electors in these constituencies was not "Are you in favour of or are you opposed to Woman Suffrage?" but "Are you such an ardent champion of Woman Suffrage that you are willing to subordinate all party considerations and to risk defeat of your party Candidate in order to return a man pledged specially to Woman Suffrage?" Naturally, for the mass of the electors, Woman Suffrage was not the predominant issue of the election, and therefore these candidatures were doomed to failure. On the other hand, those who have been present at election contests in which a campaign of the W.S.P.U. was in progress cannot fail to have realised the intense interest shown by the electors in the question and have acknowledged both that the vast majority of electors were friendly and that in many cases (as recently at Cheltenham) a sufficient number of votes were transferred on this account to turn the scale in the election.

#### Further Evidence.

Moreover, the support up and down the country of prominent City and Town Councils, to which we have already referred, provides a further proof of the friendliness of the men electors; for though these councils have no doubt been influenced in their decision by the women municipal voters they would not have expressed their opinion unless they had been sure at the same time that by so doing they were not giving offence to the bulk of their men supporters. It is further worth recording that forty-nine trades and labour councils, and thirty-six trade unions and federations have also passed resolutions in favour of the Conciliation Bill, and that the Anti-Suffragists have not succeeded in getting any trade unions or trades councils to give a contrary verdict.

#### The Conciliation Bill.

The Anti-Suffragists also take exception to the form of the Conciliation Bill. They object to it as it stands, and they object to its open title because it will admit of free amendment. These objections show clearly the straits to which the Anti-Suffragists are reduced. The Bill has been drafted in its present shape because in that form it commands the support of an immense majority of the House of Commons. It has an open title because that was the condition laid down by the Prime Minister as antecedent to its being given full facilities. The Bill is based on a clear and definite principle; it proposes to give the vote to women householders, that is, to women who bear all the obligations of citizenship but who have hitherto been shut out of citizen rights. The household Suffrage is essentially democratic, for while it makes no distinction of wealth—a woman having complete control of a single room rented at a shilling a week will get a vote—it secures that only responsible women shall be enfranchised.

#### Prospects of Success.

In spite of the opposition of Anti-Suffragists there is little doubt that the Speaker will grant the closure at the close of the debate to-day, and that the second reading will be carried by a magnificent majority. We understand that Mr. Lloyd George, in a private interview with a deputation of Liberal women, expressed his intention of giving his

support. When the second reading has been carried, the tactics of the Conciliation Committee will be slightly different from last year, and that Sir George Kemp will himself move to keep the committee stage of the Bill in Committee of the whole House. Accordingly, the further progress of the Bill will depend upon the decision of the Cabinet as to provision of facilities, and steps will be taken at an early date to obtain a favourable answer on this point.

#### Edinburgh for the Bill.

On Tuesday last a resolution in favour of the Conciliation Bill was submitted to the City Council of Edinburgh and carried by a large majority. On Wednesday Newcastle gave a similar vote. Among other Councils who have expressed their support during the past week have been those of Chester, Clacton-on-Sea, Flixton, Llandudno, Stevenage, Urmston, Widnes, Bethesda, Holyhead, Huyton, Llanfairfechan and Penmaenmawr.

#### Portuguese Woman to Vote.

A Suffrage victory has been won in Portugal, where, contrary to the view of the Government, a judge has decided that a widow, Dr. Caroline Angelo, is entitled to vote at the next election. The judge holds that as Portuguese law does not formally exclude women from the exercise of the franchise, her claim must be upheld on considerations of justice, logic and right. No appeal is possible against the judgment, but no other woman will vote at the next elections as the period for making claims has now expired.

#### Plural Voting Bill.

Speaking at Newcastle on Saturday last, Mr. Herbert Samuel said that one of the measures which the Government would tackle after the passage of the Parliament Bill would be "One Man One Vote" and it is understood to be the intention of the Government to introduce this measure this year. From this it will be clearly seen that the Government regard the present year as a suitable one for making alterations in the franchise law, and under these circumstances Suffragists claim that there can be no valid reason for refusing full facilities this year to the Conciliation Bill.

#### The Cheltenham By-election.

Congratulations to Miss Flatman and all the W.S.P.U. workers in the Cheltenham by-election who have carried their campaign to such a triumphal issue. Everyone in Cheltenham knows that the defeat of the Liberal nominee is due to the refusal of the Government to promise facilities to the Women's Bill. We hope that the Liberal Government are already deciding to do justice, and that these campaigns will no longer be necessary.

#### Items of Interest.

A further illustration of the way in which those who have no vote are disregarded is shown by the exclusion of women from the important Peace meeting recently held in the Guildhall, London.

The Icelandic Parliament has adopted a Bill granting to women aged 25 and upwards the same political suffrage as for men.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

#### Kensington Town Hall, To-night (Friday).

This (Friday) evening, Suffragists all over the country will be eager to know the result of to-day's debate in the House of Commons, especially with regard to further facilities for the Conciliation Committee's Bill. In view of this, a most important meeting will be held in the Kensington Town Hall to-night (Friday), at 8 o'clock, when Mrs. Pankhurst will take the chair, and a pronouncement on the political situation and an outline of the programme for the immediate future will be made by Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., and Mr. Pethick Lawrence will give his impressions of the debate in the House. If anyone has not yet secured tickets—stalls 2s. 6d., (all numbered and reserved), back area 6d.—they should obtain them at once from Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C., or from the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C. Tickets may also be had at the door.

#### London Free Meetings.

Members and friends are reminded that owing to the Queen's Hall not being available, the usual Monday meetings are being held for the present at the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, at 3 p.m. The meeting on Monday next, May 8, will be an important one; the speakers will be Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Vida Goldstein. The Steinway Hall meeting on Thursday, May 11, at 8 p.m., will be addressed by Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., and Miss Conolan. These meetings are held weekly and admission is free. Similar meetings are held throughout the country in all centres where the Union is represented.

#### Important Meeting at the Caxton Hall.

The Men's Political Union will give a public welcome to Mr. Hugh A. Franklin at the Caxton Hall on Monday evening, May 15. The chair will be taken by Mr. D. Cameron Swan, and Miss Vida Goldstein, Mr. Nevins and the Rt. Rev. Arnold Mathew (Old Catholic Bishop) will speak. Reserved seats (1s. and 6d.) may be booked at the M.P.U. Offices, 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C. It is hoped that members will do their utmost to make the meeting widely known, especially among their young men friends.

#### The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

Questions as to how the fight for the vote has been and is being carried on are always being asked by those brought into touch with the Woman Suffrage movement for the first time, and it is well for all Suffragists to be provided with chapter and verse for their replies. They will therefore be glad to know that a revised edition of "Women's Fight for the Vote," by Mr. F. W. Pethick Lawrence, is now on sale (cloth 1s. net, paper covers 5d. net). The book has been brought up to date, and several new chapters have been added.

#### A New Showcard.

A neat little showcard, green with white lettering, advertising VOTES FOR WOMEN, can be had free on application to the Publishing Office, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. This card is suitable for any window, and members are urged to show them in their own windows and also to try and get their neighbours or tradesmen to display them.

#### Albert Hall, June 17.

All Boxes, Amphitheatre, Stalls, Arena, and Upper Orchestra tickets are now sold out, and the only seats available are those in the Balcony at 6d. These are all numbered and reserved, and are really good seats. Owing to the very great demand for seats, it has been decided to engage the Empress Rooms (five minutes' walk from the Albert Hall) for an overflow meeting. This meeting will be addressed by Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss Vida Goldstein, and Mr. Pethick Lawrence. Tickets for reserved and numbered seats in the Empress Rooms at 2s. 6d. each will shortly be available. Application should be made at once to Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. Miss Hambling makes an urgent appeal for stewards for both these meetings. Members only are eligible, and they should send in their names immediately to her at the W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

#### Reception to Miss Goldstein.

A reception in honour of Miss Vida Goldstein will be given at the Hampstead Conservatoire, to-morrow (Saturday), May 6, at 3.30 p.m. The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield will also be present.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Two women, staunch, and great-hearted, have gone to their rest among the honoured dead. Their colleagues in the woman's movement mourn their loss, while they exult in the record of their lives. The great cause of human liberty is poorer for the want of their active sympathy and support, but richer for the inspiration of their example, and strengthened by the consciousness of the new power possessed by those who help "on the other side."

Viscountess Harberton died on Sunday last, at the age of 67 years. She was known and recognised throughout the country as a courageous advocate of the political, economic, physical, and moral emancipation of women. She possessed the loyalty to principle and the indomitable pluck which are wrought into the stuff of which pioneers are made. To her Irish ancestry (Viscountess Harberton was the only daughter of Mr. William W. Legge, of Malone House, Co. Antrim) may be attributed her independent and uncalculating spirit, her humour, and her disregard of social conventions and hypocrisies.

Lady Harberton started the crusade against the trailing skirts worn by women in the days when fashion decreed this method of collecting dust from the pavement. She received much support from doctors and women interested in questions of health, and, as usual, her moral honesty and fearlessness led her to carry her opposition to its logical result. Regardless of unmannerly demonstrations, she adopted a very seemly and sensible costume, conformable to her ideas of freedom, comfort, and health, and did not hesitate to appear in crowded and fashionable thoroughfares in the reformed skirt. The lawsuit which arose out of the refusal of a country hotel to supply her with refreshments in a public room widely advertised her campaign, and led to the pros and cons being discussed throughout the Western world.

Lady Harberton joined the W.S.P.U. in 1906. In those early days of stress and strain her presence, her generous championship, and her financial support were invaluable to the movement. She occupied the chair at one of the first "Welcome Breakfasts." She led the deputation from Caxton Hall to Parliament on March 20, 1909. She was not arrested. Recognised by the police, she was accorded her right of entrance as a peeress. She sent a message to Mr. Asquith requesting him to see her. He refused to respond to it, and she at length presented a copy of the resolution passed at Caxton Hall meeting to Mr. Snowden, who promised to place it in the Premier's hands. Though she did not live to see the definite triumph of the woman's cause, we rejoice that before she passed away she had the assurance that her long struggle for women's enfranchisement was nearing its victorious culmination.

Mrs. Rose Hyland died last Saturday. Only a short week before she was in the heart of the work in Manchester. For the past 20 years she has been labouring unceasingly in the organisation of reform movements for the betterment of social conditions. Amongst other things she was the most popular Poor Law Guardian in Manchester.

It was when Mrs. Pankhurst went to prison Mrs. Hyland said she could not for shame take the fruits of other women's sacrifice without standing shoulder to shoulder with such women, and she at once joined the Women's Social and Political Union. Her public work brought her more and more to think that political freedom for women is the key to a great kingdom where justice and fair dealing and beauty and truth shall be given a chance to save the people. She believed fully in the militant policy of forcing the enemy to face the fire of our enthusiasm, to meet us in the open; in short, in making the movement political, and so making the struggle for freedom less prolonged. A fine courage and a real dignity made her always act as well as speak her protest when she found the opportunity. She joined hands with the fighters always, and welcomed sick comrades out of Strangeways Gaol after a month's forcible, feeding and nursed and tended them. She professed herself ready to go to prison if need arose. To do her share in inducing the Government to be faithful to the principle of "no taxation without representation." Mrs. Hyland refused payment of taxes and had her goods distrained upon. Quite recently she again contemplated refusal of her taxes and was in correspondence with the W.S.P.U. only a few days before her death. On April 2 she resisted the Census, filling her house with a large number of women, refusing to be counted until the law recognises women as persons. The extent of her influence, the force of her example, the effectiveness of her life cannot be told now, they will be gradually recorded in the lives of the younger women who, inspired by her devotion and her work, will build a firm fabric on the strong foundation made by Rose Hyland and women of her kind. They are ageing now, and one by one passing behind the veil. We admired and loved her more than she ever knew. We shall be faithful; we shall not forget. When we win the victory—God send it soon—we will raise by our efforts such a monument as she would desire. The sympathy of all members of the Union will go out to Miss Fitzsimons, Mrs. Hyland's sister and fellow labourer in all the good works she had so much at heart.



## LORD ROBERT CECIL ON THE BILL.

*Extracts from a Speech for the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association, in the New Town Hall, Hitchin, on Friday, April 28.*

The Conciliation Bill proposes to extend the vote to women householders. It is a Bill proceeding in a cautious, moderate fashion. It does not propose to extend the vote to all women on the same terms as men. Personally, I think there would be a great deal to be said for that proposal. But it does not go as far as that. It takes the household qualification, which, while it comprises some rich people and some very poor people, for the main part comprises those who are artisans or clerks, belonging to what is called the middle class or to the working class—the great strength and backbone of the electorate of the country.

### Married Women Will Vote.

Now, let me correct one misapprehension which sometimes exists. It is sometimes thought that married women are excluded from the purview of the Bill. That is not so. The Bill very properly says that married women who are householders shall be entitled to vote just the same as single women. I think that is perfectly right. But it says—through what does seem to me an excessive precaution—that a married woman shall not be entitled to vote in the same constituency as her husband. I am all for moderation, but it seems to me carrying moderation to a very extreme point. I believe it was put in from some fear of the creation of faggot votes. But, at any rate, it has this advantage: we hear a great deal of hypothetical cases in which the husband and the wife would go to the polling booth, one voting for the Tory and the other for the Radical, and terrible pictures are drawn of the dreadful disunion in the home that would result from such a difference in political opinions. Personally, I believe people can differ in political opinion without there being such terrible disunion as all that. But the promoters of this Bill, at any rate, have provided against that particular danger, and if man and wife desire to vote on opposite sides, they will, at any rate, not be able to vote in the same constituency.

Well now, on the face of it, is it not reasonable that a woman who pays rates and taxes just like a man, who is educated by the State or by private agencies to just the same extent as a man, who reads the same books and papers if she wishes, should be entitled to express the opinion, which she often holds, on the ballot paper as she does at meetings and in canvasses?

### Not a Very Astonishing Change.

But, looking at the matter solely from the Conservative standpoint, I observe that some of my Conservative friends for whose opinion I have great respect are very frightened and terrified at the proposal which is now before the country. They say, in the first place, that this is a tremendous change. When they get excited on the platform they will describe it as a revolution. Well, is it really so great a change as all that? After all, we are not going to extend the electorate very much. There are seven and a half millions of electors now. I believe that this Bill will add, at the outside, one million more voters. That is not in itself a very astonishing change. And you must remember that every one of the voters for whom we are now asking for the Parliamentary vote have already exercised or are qualified to exercise the municipal vote. Surely it is not very much to ask that those who have already exercised the municipal vote should be entitled to go into the same polling-booth, on a different occasion, indeed, and vote for a different man who is standing not as a municipal candidate but as a Parliamentary candidate?

But the matter becomes even more moderate when you consider what has been the result of giving the municipal vote to women. Does anyone in the country suggest that it has been other than a great success? I do not believe there is a single person, Suffragist or anti-Suffragist, who now denies that the municipal vote granted to women has been exercised by them with prudence and with success, and who would not scout the idea of taking away from them the franchise that they possess. Certainly, it is a very striking fact that within the last few months those who are best able to form an opinion upon this point, the great local governing bodies of this country—the corporations, for instance, of Liverpool, of Manchester, of Birmingham, and in Scotland of Glasgow and in Ireland of Dublin—almost all the greatest corporations in the country—have resolved, generally by enormous majorities, that they desire not only to retain the municipal vote for women, but to extend it to Parliamentary elections also.

### Extremely Tentative, Moderate and Cautious.

Now it seems to me that those who talk to me about this being a great and a dangerous revolution

exaggerate the amount of change that is embodied in this extremely tentative, moderate and cautious procedure with which that change is being carried out, and ignore altogether the experience which we have gained in the matter of municipal and local elections. But the objection is sometimes put in a rather different form. It was put to me in this form the other day. It was said: "Adult suffrage is likely to be enacted in the near future, or manhood suffrage. If you once concede woman suffrage then you will necessarily, when you come to grant manhood suffrage, be forced by the logic of your position to grant womanhood suffrage. You will find the whole adult population, male and female, enfranchised, and the result would be that there would be more women voters than men, and that the government of the country will be handed over to the women." I never have understood how anyone could seriously hold that opinion. It assumes that you will have normally all the women voting on the one side and all the men voting on the other. Of course, if they did that, and if there were more women than men, the women would control the government of the country. Is it likely to happen? Is it your experience—it certainly is not mine—that all women hold the same political opinions? My experience is that women hold as many political opinions as men, and that they hold them with quite as much conviction and vehemence of expression. The argument only shows the kind of nightmares people will conjure up before them if they once let their imagination take the place of reason in considering a political question.

But I take this view. Personally, I am opposed to manhood suffrage. I do not see any reason for extending the franchise to all adult men. But just for that reason I desire to strengthen the existing electorate, and to make it as fully and as completely representative of all interests in the country as it is possible to make it.

### A Safeguard for the Future.

But I take a still stronger view of one aspect of this question. I think we may assume that any Bill that is brought forward for manhood suffrage will be brought forward by a Radical Government. Now it is, to my mind, absolutely inconceivable that a Radical Government could bring in and carry a Bill for Adult Male Suffrage without extending such a Bill to women also. I do not think—I know I do not take a very unduly charitable view of my Radical opponents; I quite admit that there is something to be said for the view that they are capable of adopting even an extremely illogical and unreasonable position—but I cannot myself conceive of how any Radical Minister could get up and advocate to any House of Commons a desire for a great alteration in the franchise which should not include female suffrage. It seems to me perfectly certain that if and when you have a Bill for manhood suffrage passed, it will be a Bill both for manhood and womanhood suffrage. And, therefore, I say, that by refusing the women the vote now, you will not affect in any way the terms of that Bill when it comes to be passed. But you will do this, you will flood the country with a great mass of voters, none of whom will have had any experience of voting at all, and you will, I must say, run a considerable risk (not on account of their sex, but of their inexperience) of danger if you should flood the country with a great mass of the untrained voters that I have described. It seems to me the part of true statesmanship and wisdom, just because there is a danger of adult male suffrage in the future, to grant the franchise now to those women who are qualified and capable of exercising the vote, so that they may train themselves to decide great political questions for the day when their less experienced sisters will also share in that privilege.

### "We Will Do That Which is Right Now."

I have endeavoured, because I know that this is a matter which has affected a great many of my Conservative friends, to work out as carefully as I can the case for this reform, but I want to say this, because it is one of the fundamental principles that I, at any rate, hold in politics. Do not be misled into forecasting the ultimate consequences of any political action that you may take. Nothing is more easy than to prophesy; nothing is more difficult than to prophesy rightly. By all means consider carefully, as carefully as you can, what are the direct and immediate consequences of any political action you may be asked to take. That is proper and right, and true statesmanship. But if you are to launch yourself into the endless sea of what will be the remote and ultimate consequences of any step that you may take, then, believe me, you are trying to navigate an ocean of which you are utterly unable to know the end, and for the navigation of which the instruments which you possess are altogether inadequate. It is enough for us to think of what will be the consequences of the Bill in itself. Do not let us be misled into an elaborate discussion of whether, if we grant this particular reform, it may be used as an argument to introduce or to grant some other reform or some other change which will not be a reform. Let us say we will do that which seems to us right now, and trust ourselves

and our successors to do that which is right when any other proposal comes before them.

It seems to me that you must take into consideration not only the ultimate consequences of the action that you may take, but the equally unforeseeable consequences of any action that you may fail to take. The responsibility for not doing a thing is just as great and just as burdensome as the responsibility of doing it. To my mind, the only question that we have to consider is, Will this change be an advantage to the country and to the Empire? I know I am told that women are incapable of Imperial judgment. I will not argue that at any great length. I will merely remind this meeting that if it is true that women are incapable of direction of Imperial affairs, it is at any rate a remarkable fact how in many countries and in many ages it has been that countries have made most momentous decisions and carried out Imperial policies under the direction of a woman. Whether you go to Isabella of Spain, or to Catherine the Great of Russia, or to Maria Teresa of Austria, or to that great woman Queen Louise who rescued Prussia from Napoleon, or to our own Elizabeth and Victoria, it so happens that in every one of those countries they had to pass a great Imperial crisis, and passed it with dignity and success when they were under the leadership and guidance of a woman ruler. After that, when we come to current politics, is anyone going to say that women cannot help us to decide great questions affecting the housing of the people, or the upbringing of their children, or the question of pure food—no less an urgent question in this country than it appears to have been until recently in Australia—and above all, or at any rate, among other important questions, that question which is agitating very much many people's minds now, the Marriage Laws in this country? It seems to me it would be little better than an outrage on common sense to settle them without consulting the women of the country. To me, at any rate, it seems, and has always seemed, little better than insanity for us to go into the great fights that are before us—the social fights, and, as I think, the Imperial questions also, but the social questions above all—without the assistance of those trained and qualified women who have shown themselves in every department of life capable of dealing with these great questions.

## Debenham & Freebody.

Wigmore Street, London, W.

### CHIFFON COATS.

There has recently sprung up a decided fashion for light and dainty Coats, similar in character to the garment sketched below. To meet this fashion we have designed a large number of models mostly in transparent Chiffon Marquessette and Canvas at prices ranging from 70s. to 20 guineas. Some of these Coats are elaborately embroidered and trimmed, and have linings of coloured chiffon, while others are quite simple and plain.



Chiffon Canvas Wrap (as sketch), in soft black canvas Voile, trimmed with satin and silk finished embroidery. 24



# PROCESSION FOUR MILES LONG.

Form up on Westminster Embankment 4.30. Start 5.30. Meeting at the Albert Hall, Mrs. PANKHURST in the Chair, 8.30.

## TO THE FUTURE.

[Suggested by a paragraph in Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's article on the Procession of 1911, in *VOTES FOR WOMEN* of April 21.]

You hush them in the shadow of your hand—  
Dear, unborn women of an age to be;  
Not yet they wake to your new melody,  
Planted in gardens of the Promised Land;  
Yet we who may not hear nor understand  
The music they shall dance to, even we  
Claim them for kin—out of the bond the free,  
Soul of our soul, fruit of our high demand.  
How should we choose but love them? For,  
Behold,  
These be the travail of our spirits, these  
Shall walk in meadows that our tears make  
green,  
And find there, of our sowing, fairy gold...  
Our children?—nay, ourselves you rock at ease!  
For what they shall be, we, too, might have  
been.

V. H. FRIEDLAENDER.

Saturday, June 17, 1911, will be an historic date in the annals of this country. For on this day a procession of women greater and more representative than ever before will march through the streets of London to demand the enfranchisement of their sex.

Just three years ago—on June 21, 1907—the great Hyde Park Demonstration of women won the admiration of the Metropolis and gave the first indication of the magnitude of the forces which were behind the Votes for Women Movement. Again on June 18, 1910, the main streets of London were thronged with people eager to see a still more remarkable and imposing Procession, and the Press of the whole world burst into a unanimous chorus of praise and approval.

## The Greatest Procession of Women Ever Witnessed.

But the procession of women on June 17, 1911, will be the greatest ever witnessed in the history of the world. It will be four miles long and will stretch from the Houses of Parliament on Westminster Embankment to the Bank of England. To those who are still in ignorance of the great force of public opinion behind the demand for women's enfranchisement, it will be a revelation of the solidarity of women. The significance of the Demonstration will be world-wide, for the procession will not only be **National** in its character but also **Imperial** and **International**. Every civilised country of the world is sending its delegates to take part in it, and there will be strong contingents from every part of Britain's Dominions beyond the seas.

## Coronation Year.

Our fellow-subjects of Empire, the women of the Commonwealth of Australia, were enfranchised in the Coronation Year of King Edward the Seventh; the crowning glory of the Coronation Year of King George the Fifth will be the emancipation of the women at the heart and centre of the Empire.

June 17, 1911, will be memorable as the date of the victorious march of the women in the year that must see the crowning of the womanhood of the United Kingdom as a Sovereign half of a Sovereign people.

## Who Will Take Part.

Every Suffrage Society in the country has been invited to take part. Amongst those Societies who have already signified their intention to co-operate with the Women's Social and Political Union are the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, the Women's Freedom League, the New Constitutional Society for Women's Suffrage, the Church League for Women's Suffrage, the Catholic Women's Suffrage Society, the Free Church League, the Actresses' Franchise League, the Women Writers' Suffrage League, the Scottish University Women's Suffrage Union, the Irish Women's Franchise League, the Women's Tax Resistance League, the Younger Suffragists, the Suffrage Atelier, the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, the Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement, Hastings and St. Leonards Woman's Suffrage Propaganda League, Men's Committee for Justice to Women. There will also be a group from the Hampstead Garden Suburb, and a group representing the Ethical Societies.

The Procession is not limited to women of one class or section alone. There will be within its ranks rich women and poor women, old women and young women, women who believe in militant tactics and women who confine themselves to peaceful activities. Side by side in its ranks will walk working women, professional and business women, mothers and home-keepers.

ing women, women of leisure, and women graduates of the Universities.

## Colours Flying.

The lines of the Procession will be gay with colours flying. There will be the flags of all Nations, there will be the purple, white and green of the Women's Social and Political Union, the red, white and green of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, the green, white and gold of the Women's Freedom League, the beautiful colours of the Actresses' Franchise League, of the Writers and Artists, and all the numberless other special contingents.

## Pageants.

Interest will be added to the procession by a number of very interesting pageants. There will be an Historical Pageant of Women representing notable characters from the dawn of history in our country down to the present day. There will be a Pageant of Empire where every corner of the King's Dominions will be symbolically represented. There will also be a special Pageant of Prisoners, which will consist of 700 women representing the number of imprisonments suffered by women since the militant movement began.

Foremost in other sections will be women famous in the world of Science, Art, Literature, Music, the Stage, and Politics. Graduates will walk in their academic robes.

All women who have any leisure at their disposal are invited to help in the preliminary work of organisation. Thousands of willing hands are needed to carry out the great scheme of organisation which will be mapped out. All who are willing and able to help should communicate at once with Miss Olive Smith, Procession Secretary, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Every woman who is conscious of the solidarity of womanhood is invited to join the great Procession. Any who do not belong to any special Society, but who would like to walk in one of the many contingents or special groups on the day of the Procession, should write to Miss Olive Smith, Procession Secretary, who will put them in touch with the head of the group in which they wish to walk.

If you are not attached to any special contingent, you can still come to Blackfriars Bridge, where general sympathisers will take up their stand. The Procession Secretary will be glad to answer any questions with regard to the arrangements of the day.

## OFFICIALS.

Procession Secretary.....	Miss Olive Smith.
Banner Secretary and Marshal	Miss Kathleen Jarvis.
Stewards, Marshals, and Captains' Secretary.....	Miss Hambling.
Hospitality Secretary.....	Miss Elliott.
Prisoners' Pageant Secretary	Miss Mary Billing.
Out-door Campaign Organiser	Miss Bowker.
Advertisement Campaign Organiser.....	Miss Helen Craggs.
Paper Selling Organiser.....	

## PROCESSION ADVERTISEMENT CAMPAIGN.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Dorothy A. Bowker, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

All London must be out on June 17, to see our great Procession! This result can only be accomplished if a large band of willing workers will give generously of their time: to canvass shops in the principal streets where the proprietors are sympathetic (names will be supplied), to get them to hang out banners; to distribute handbills till every man and woman has had one or has been told about the event by someone who has had a bill; to chalk notices in all the frequented thoroughfares; and in other ways to acquaint the public of the unceasing energy of the advocates of Woman Suffrage and to arouse their curiosity and interest. All who feel they can help in any of these ways are earnestly requested to put themselves in touch with Miss Bowker, at 4, Clements Inn, at the earliest possible opportunity. Every member of the Union is asked to show banners in the windows. If they are not prepared to buy them will they make banners for this purpose?

## STEWARDS.

An urgent appeal is made to all who took part as Stewards or who occupied any other official position in last year's Processions, to keep themselves free for similar duties this year. Miss Hambling urgently appeals for stewards for the Albert Hall meeting, and for the overflow meeting which is to take place in the Empress Rooms. Stewards will be able to see the procession form up, but they must then go at once to their posts and take their places ready for the meetings.

## DECORATIONS AND PAGEANTS.

Organisers: Miss Wallace Dunlop and Miss Downing, 12, Smith Street, Chelsea, S.W. (five minutes from Piccadilly Station).

Work in connection with the decorations is well in hand, and is progressing steadily. There is still an immense amount of work to be done, and additional helpers are much needed, as well as volunteers who will take away any work to be done by machine. Will volunteers who are in London communicate at once with Miss Downing or Miss Wallace Dunlop, at 12, Smith Street, as this will save a great deal of time on both sides? The question of

banners for local unions and country branches is being settled as quickly as possible. It would be a great help if those responsible would send mottoes, emblems and anything else they wish to appear on their banners, to Miss Downing and Miss Wallace Dunlop. Slight sketches would also be useful, and would lead to greater variety in the designs.

## "VOTES FOR WOMEN" CORPS.

Organiser: Miss Helen Craggs, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

While the Procession is forming up thousands of people will collect along the route. They will have some time to wait, and this time is of immense value to the large detachment of women whose duty it will be to sell *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. Since the whole procession this June is to be just twice as large as the one last year, the *VOTES FOR WOMEN* Corps will also have to double its number. Volunteers are already being enrolled. All who are ready to help the cause in this very important work are asked to send in their names to Miss Helen Craggs, at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C., as quickly as possible.

## CONTINGENTS.

In addition to the contingents upon which reports are given below, the following are being organised:—Teachers (Mrs. Ayrton-Gould), Nurses (Miss Buckley), Business Women (Miss Vibert and Miss Fergus), Artists (Chelsea, Local Union), Women Sanitary Inspectors and Health Visitors (Mrs. Fisher, 55, Denning Road, Hampstead), Pharmacists (Miss Gilliat, Western Hospital, Fulham), and General Sympathisers and Friends (Miss Olive Smith). There will also be contingents of Factory and Laundry Workers, and of Sweated Women.

Letters to these Organisers (unless otherwise specified) should be addressed to them at the W.S.P.U. Office, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. Will women desiring to walk in any contingent get into touch with their organiser at once.

## IMPERIAL CONTINGENT.

Organiser—Miss Bennett, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

One of the most important sections in the Procession of 1911 will be the Imperial Contingent. In the year which marks so much in the history of the Empire, it is fitting that this section should be particularly large and impressive, and the strong representation of enfranchised women is essential. Every section of the community and every political party will be represented. Members are reminded that names and addresses of those who wish to join this contingent should be sent in to the organiser at 4, Clements Inn, at once. They are urged to do their utmost to bring in large numbers of women.

The Imperial Contingent will include representatives of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa, and India. Lady Cockburn and Miss Vida Goldstein will represent Australia, and Lady Stout will lead the New Zealand section. Mrs. Saul Solomon will again lead the South African contingent and Miss Nina Boyle, President of the Women's Enfranchisement League of Johannesburg will also be present. Mrs. Fisher Unwin, who is so well known to Indians in this country, is giving valuable assistance in the organisation of the Indian section. A special scheme of decoration is being prepared by Miss Downing and Miss Wallace Dunlop, and the organiser will be glad to receive subscriptions for banners. Members are particularly requested to bring their friends from the Overseas Dominions to the London Pavilion meetings on Monday afternoons. Cards of invitation may be obtained from the offices at Clements Inn. If every one will work her hardest, the Imperial contingent will indeed be worthy of its name.

## INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENTS.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. Freeman, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

It is hoped that all members who can take part in the Foreign Contingent or who have any friends who will march with their respective countries will put themselves in touch with the organiser. It is intended that each country will be represented by someone wearing national costume. Miss A. Glane has kindly offered to help with Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Denmark. Offers of help from those who will work up France

Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and other foreign countries, and thus make this section a greater success than in the former processions, will be welcomed.

## WELSH CONTINGENT.

Organiser—Mrs. Mansell-Moulin, 69, Wimpole Street, W.

Mrs. Mansell-Moulin reports:—  
I am very glad to be able to report that Mrs. Ellis Griffith has promised to walk with this contingent, and will kindly do her best to persuade her friends to join also. I appeal to Welsh women to send in their names to me, saying that they will follow Mrs. Ellis Griffith's example, for it is imperative that the Welsh contingent should be very large and representative. "Gallant Little Wales" must not lag behind anyone, but must play up nobly and demonstrate to the world the strength of the movement among Welsh women. I want offers from at least six women to undertake to visit the Welsh Chapels in London and distribute handbills. I also want as many women as possible to dress in the Welsh national costume. Will they please communicate with me at once? I can give them advice about the costume and show them a pattern, but they must please make it themselves. It is very simple: just a plain full skirt, a check apron, white blouse and crossover shawl, with a frilled cap. The tall hats can be made of buckram covered with black plush, but these are not absolutely necessary. The skirt, apron and shawl can be carried out in purple and green, and with the white blouse will make a good scheme of colour. Kindly write without delay to 69, Wimpole St., W.

## SCOTTISH CONTINGENT.

Organiser: Miss Margaret Cameron.

Mrs. Agnes Bryce has kindly promised her assistance in working up this contingent. Will Scotswomen communicate at once with her.

## IRISH CONTINGENT.

Organiser—Miss Lennox, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The Irish Contingent will form part of the Empire Pageant in the great procession on June 17. It is therefore hoped that all Irish members will work their hardest to make this contingent even a greater success than it has been in former processions. The Irish Women's Franchise League of Dublin, and Belfast Suffrage Societies are sending representatives from Ireland. Individual members are also coming from different parts of the country to be present with their countrywomen in this great demonstration. Irish members who have to take posts of duty in other parts of the procession are asked to provide a substitute for their place in their contingent. Names should be sent in as soon as possible to Miss Lennox at above address.

## MUSICIANS.

Organiser—Miss Douglas Smith, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

It is hoped to make this Contingent even larger and more representative than last year. Will all those who walked with us last time, and who wish to join on June 17 next, communicate with me? Further particulars will be announced later on.

## PRISONERS' PAGEANT.

The Secretary of this Pageant is Miss Elliott, 4, Clements Inn, W.C., to whom volunteers are asked to write without delay.

## CLERKS AND CIVIL SERVANTS.

Organisers—Miss P. A. Ayrton and Miss C. Maguire, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Women clerks and civil servants are determined to make a good show in their contingent on June 17th, in order to prove that those women who have been found capable of doing the same work as men in offices are not a whit behind their sister workers in demanding enfranchisement. The organisers are very anxious to get into touch with any members of the W.S.P.U. who will help in working up this contingent. Workers are especially needed for canvassing in the City—an exceedingly important piece of work.

## POSTERS.

Posters, window posters, and handbills advertising the great Procession and Demonstration can be had free from Miss Kerr, W.S.P.U. Office, 4, Clements Inn, and members and friends are asked to send for supplies at once.

## WANTED!

### WANTED! WANTED!! WANTED!!!

Drawing-room meetings. Fifty within the next four weeks. Miss Cameron, 4, Clements Inn, will supply speakers. Drawing-room meetings are absolutely necessary at the moment. New needs and new work make an imperative call for new workers. All that is to be done with regard to the Procession can only be accomplished by getting outside the W.S.P.U. circle altogether. Every active member is pledged up to the hilt. There remain endless demands for more effort and more energy. Members and sympathisers who have accommodation should at once invite their friends and give Miss Cameron and her speakers the chance of recruiting our ranks of active workers.

### WANTED! WANTED!! WANTED!!!

2,000 volunteers for the Procession Pageants. No work, no responsibility, and no expense entailed. This service is specially asked from girls and women who are in general too absorbed in study or work to take part in the movement, but are able to give up on June 17 one Saturday afternoon and evening.

### WANTED! WANTED!! WANTED!!!

Recruiting agents. If there are any students willing to help us to get recruits for the Pageant, will they put themselves in touch with Miss Olive Smith without loss of time? She would be glad to get in touch with students at the Slade Art School,

South Kensington, Royal Academy, or any other Art School; also with students in the Royal College, Royal Academy, and Guildhall Schools of Music; also with students of University College of Teachers, Training Colleges, and Polytechnics; also with students of Dramatic Schools. It is upon women in this position that we rely to find volunteers for the pleasant and easy but very valuable service of filling up the ranks of the Pageant, thus setting free the members of the Union for more onerous and responsible work.

### WANTED! WANTED!! WANTED!!!

Many hands for cutting out, machining, stencilling, making, and decorating banners. Workers should send their names to Miss Wallace Dunlop or Miss Downing, 12, Smith Street, Chelsea.

### WANTED! WANTED!! WANTED!!!

Names of volunteers to join the corps of paper sellers on the Procession route on June 17. Names should be sent to Miss Helen Craggs, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

An immediate response to all these appeals would greatly facilitate the work of the organisers of the Procession.

Names should be sent in at once to Miss Olive Smith, Procession Secretary, 4, Clements Inn.



## VOTES FOR WOMEN HOUSEHOLDERS.

Second Reading Debate on the Conciliation Bill in the House of Commons To-day.

To-day (Friday), May 5, Sir George Kemp will move the Second Reading of the Woman Suffrage Bill. Its text is as follows:—

### A BILL TO CONFER THE PARLIAMENTARY FRANCHISE ON WOMEN.

Be it enacted, etc.,

1. Every woman possessed of a household qualification within the meaning of The Representation of the People Act (1832), shall be entitled to be registered as a voter, and when registered to vote for the County or Borough in which the qualifying premises are situate.

2. For the purposes of this Act, a woman shall not be disqualified by marriage for being registered as a voter, provided that a husband and wife shall not both be registered as voters in the same Parliamentary Borough or County division.

3. This Act may be cited as The Representation of the People Act, 1911.

"That there would be a considerable majority for the second reading on Friday is certain"—thus the "Political Notes" of the *Morning Post*, which only expresses the conviction of all who have the chance of feeling the pulse of Parliament. Individual members, too, have promised their help with no uncertain voice. We quote from three typical letters:—

A member who last year voted against the Conciliation Bill, now writes: "I regret that I cannot give any promise in respect to my vote on the Woman Suffrage Bill, except that I shall support any proposal to allow the Bill to be fairly treated by Parliament and not shelved as was last year's Bill."

Another member says: "I shall always support Woman Suffrage, and voted for the Bill last year. I am glad to realise how keen an interest the public are taking in the question."

Another member writes: "I will certainly be in my place in the House of Commons on May 5, to vote for the Second reading of the Bill to confer the Parliamentary Franchise on women. I regard this as a measure of justice too long delayed to women, and I shall do everything in my power to further the passage of this Bill into an Act of Parliament."

The Bill is promoted by the Conciliation Committee for Woman Suffrage, composed of the following:—

Chairman—The Rt. Hon. THE EARL OF LYTON.  
Percy Alden, M.P. Sir William Bull, M.P.  
A. W. Barton, M.P. Captain Craig, M.P.  
G. J. Bentham, M.P. C. S. Goldman, M.P.  
The Rt. Hon. Thomas E. A. Gosling, M.P.  
Burt, M.P. E. Marshall Hall, M.P.  
Noel Burton, M.P. J. S. Harwood-Banner, M.P.  
H. G. Chancellor, M.P. Harry Hope, M.P.  
Sir W. Howell Davies, M.P. Lord Lewisham, M.P.  
Ellis J. Griffith, M.P. Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore, M.P.  
Sir D. Brynmor Jones, M.P. Basil Peto, M.P.  
Sir George Kemp, M.P. J. F. Remnant, M.P.  
J. McCallum, M.P. Sir John Rolleston, M.P.  
C. A. McCurdy, M.P. G. H. Touche, M.P.  
F. McLaren, M.P. J. Kels Hardie, M.P.  
Walter S. McLaren, M.P. F. W. Jowett, M.P.  
Major G. McKelvey, M.P. George Lansbury, M.P.  
Sir Alfred Mond, M.P. J. B. O'Grady, M.P.  
C. E. Price, M.P. Philip Snowden, M.P.  
Harry Nuttall, M.P. Sir T. Gratian Esmonde, M.P.  
Walter F. Roch, M.P. Stephen Gwynne, M.P.  
G. Tomlin, M.P. Vincent Kennedy, M.P.  
Sir Joseph Walton, M.P. J. C. Lardner, M.P.  
Sir George White, M.P. Hugh A. Law, M.P.  
Sir J. Yessell, M.P. Dr. Lynch, M.P.  
H. T. Barrie, M.P. J. P. Nannetti, M.P.  
Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P. William Redmond, M.P.

Hon. Sec.—H. N. Brailsford, 32, Well Walk, Hampstead, N.W.

## TOWN AND OTHER LOCAL COUNCILS SUPPORT THE BILL.

The strong public support which lies behind the Conciliation Bill for Woman Suffrage is shown by the large number of City and Town Councils which have carried resolutions in favour of the Bill. It will be remembered that women, as well as men, have votes for the local Municipal Councils, and that this action on the part of members of these Councils is evidence that, in their opinion, the proposal receives the support of their constituents of both sexes.

England and Wales.				
Adel-cum-Ecup	Cardiff	Holyhead	Macclesfield	Sheffield
Bangor	Chester	Huddersfield	Manchester	Solihull
Barnsley	Clacton-on-Sea	Hull	Mansfield	Southport
Battersea	Cuckfield	Huyton	Newcastle	Stenage
Bethesda	Derby	Leeds	Nottingham	Stoke Newington
Birmingham	Devonport	Letchworth	Oldham	Truro
Bradford	Dover	Liverpool	Ormskirk	Urmston
Bridlington	Falmouth	Llandudno	Pennanmawr	Wallasey
Burton	Flixton	Llanfairfechan	Penryn	Warrington
Burton-on-Trent	Folkestone	Llangollen	Preston	West Bromwich
Canterbury	Hale		Ramsgate	Widnes
				Wolverhampton

Scotland.				
Arbroath	Dumfries	Fraserburgh	Hawick	Kilwinning
Brechin	Dundee	Glasgow	Inverness	Kirkwall
Broughty Ferry	Edinburgh	Haddington	Inverurie	Lerwick
Cummock	Forfar	Hamilton	Kilmarnock	North Berwick
				Perth
				Salisbury
				Stromness
				Thurso
				Tranent

Ireland.			
Dublin	Cork	Limerick	Pembroke (Dublin)

### WHO IS THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON?

At Aberavon the N.S.P.C.C. has been prosecuting in the case of a house described as "in an indescribable state of filth." Both the man and the woman were charged. Every Suffragist knows that in the eyes of the law, the wife, the children, and the home are the property of the husband, and it follows logically that he is responsible for the condition of the home. But the punishment falls on the woman—as his servant. The woman when in the box denied the charge, and said that she lived in poverty, but not in filth. She could not help the smoking of the chimney. The charge against the male defendant was adjourned for three months, but the woman was sent to prison for three months.

### FIREGUARDS.

We are glad to see that a magistrate has spoken out about the injustice of the law which compels poor people to provide fireguards, but does not say how they are to be paid for. Mr. Cluer (Old Street), who recently had one of the mothers before him who have suffered so much from this unjust law, asked whether the defendant's husband was alive, and, if so, why he had not been summoned. "You might as well" said he, "make me responsible, or any lady visitor who happened to call and mind the baby for a few minutes, as this woman. Her husband is the one responsible for the non-provision of a fireguard. You will never get me to impose a penalty on the mother in such a case. The proper thing would be for the people who make these Acts to provide fireguards for poor people at the public expense. Poor people at times can hardly provide themselves with food, and if they buy a fireguard they of necessity buy one of the cheapest kind. That complies with the Act, but does not prevent accidents." Exactly what W.S.P.U. speakers have said again and again!

### THE WOMAN'S MOVEMENT IN RUSSIA.

A large number of women's and other organisations celebrated, on April 30, the jubilee of the public activity of Madame Anna Filosofov, the veteran leader of the Russian Woman's Movement.

### AT CHELTENHAM BY-ELECTION.

Cobby (with a grievance), to W.S.P.U. chauffeur: "You will see to it, Miss, when you get the Vote, won't you?"

### AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY.

It is interesting to notice that Mr. Laurence Housman, in a preliminary notice of the Royal Academy pictures in the *Manchester Guardian* (April 29), gives the first place to a picture by Mrs. Laura Knight, "Daughters of the Sun." "It is," he says, "undoubtedly one of the best, most daring, and original pictures of the year. It seems that we have to go to two women painters, Mrs. Swynerton, who this year is not represented, and Mrs. Laura Knight, to get anything that is at once convincing and subjective in treatment [of subjects of this character]. It is a remarkably successful piece of work, and is certainly one of the pictures of the year."

### WOMAN MAORI CHIEF.

The group of Maori villagers who have recently arrived in London in order to take part in the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace is headed by a woman, Maggie Papekura. She is a celebrated guide in the Hot Lakes district, and when King George and Queen Mary visited New Zealand as the Duke and Duchess of York, she had the honour of acting as their guide. Miss Papekura is said to have a wonderful knowledge of the English language, which she speaks without a trace of a foreign accent.

### "SHE"—A SKETCH FROM LIFE.

[The following lines were written by the husband of a Suffragette in his sick room.]

I asked her husband, chaffingly,  
"Whodarns your socks?" He answered, "She."  
"But she's a Suffragette," I said.  
"She darns the better," answered he;  
"What they do, they do thoroughly;  
And so does she."

He took me to his nursery,  
And showed the twins and other three.  
"Whoever puts you all to bed?"  
I asked the eldest, laughingly.  
"Why, mother does; but Bob and me  
Can help, you see."

And, later, when She gave me tea,  
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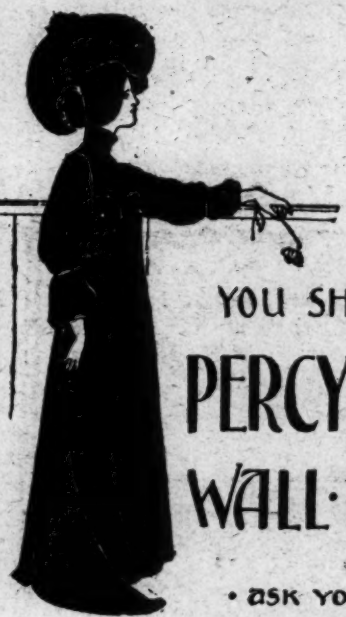
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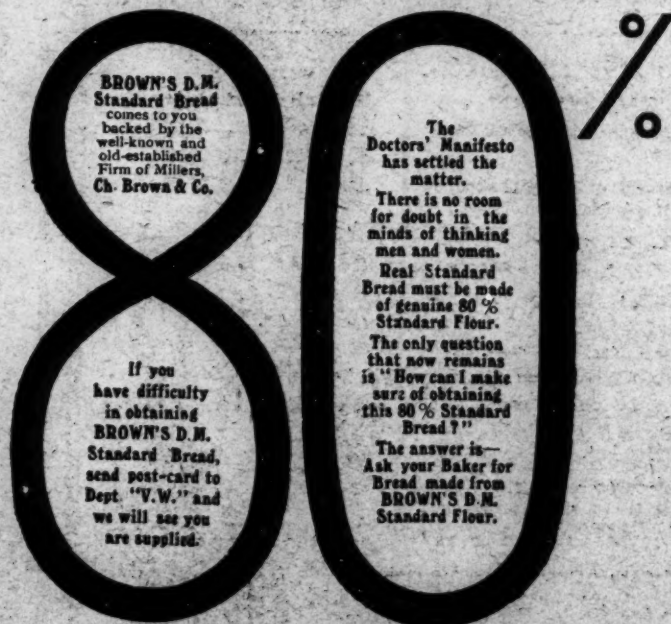


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Mr. Markino, though a son of old Japan, loves London. His heart is very wide, wide enough to take in all the people of this nation, wide enough to include the Suffragettes, who have become part and parcel of national life. In that touching story of his early struggles for success ("A Japanese artist in London") he has told how often sympathy and help were given him by women, some of them poor and overworked and engaged in a hand-to-hand struggle with their own difficulties. And not only to his "landladies" has he repaid the debt. All that he has to say about women is characterised by insight and understanding.

A very interesting series of articles from his pen, entitled "My Idealized John Bullesses," illustrated with clever sketches, is being published in *The English Review* and in the May issue is a chapter headed "Suffragettes." He begins with a consideration of the claim put forward for the abolition of sex differences in political rights. In his opinion the distinction between the voters and non-voters ought not to be made by the difference of the sexes. "I feel," he says, "I want to throw my pen down, for it seems to me the reason is too plain." It is all the more puzzling because even as a school boy in an Eastern land he was taught that "England was the originator of the Parliament." "Other countries have only copied it from England. It is quite natural and certain that English pollings are 'playing cricket' fairest. I am earnestly desiring that Japan will do the same some day. . . . However, vote for men only is not the fairest 'cricket.' It does not keep the real equivalence of the country."

Mr. Markino speaks from his personal experience of the under-payment of women. It seems to him a "very extraordinary primitive custom" strangely at variance with "men's courtesy towards women" in opening the door for them and handing them out of carriages.

Some seven or eight years ago I was struggling against my extreme poverty together with several of my boy school mates. We tried to make designs for postcards, Christmas cards, or menus. Some art publishers said they did not want men artists. My friends exclaimed, "That is just it, you see. Girls are working frightfully cheap, so we men have to be starved."

Later he met some of these lady artists, and he describes the case of one of them, and thus comments upon it:

Indeed, it is both women and men suffer from this horrid custom. Only some cold, heartless capitalists are making unreasonable profits. . . . Nothing could be more unjust than the underpayment for women. It violates the human ethic. I understand England is civilised enough to have made the law of prevention against the cruelty upon animals. It is splendid. But why not prevention against the cruelty on women.

Anti-Suffrage arguments are quoted, and the case on the other side is stated as the writer sees it from his own fresh and original point of view. In his opinion the "John Bullesses" are the nation's "insurance company." He brings the tribute of personal respect to women in various departments of life. We get another glimpse of those good landladies of his early struggling days:—

Some one told me it was rather dangerous to give vote to the lower class women. My opinion is reverse. In those classes, women are safer than men. I have had more than ten years' life among those people in London. The men of this class are comparatively honest and good-natured, but hopelessly ignorant. If some thing happens, they always say, "I shall ask to my Missus," and their Missuses are managing everything. The editors of my artist friends used to visit upon me at my poor lodging houses in various places. When I was out the landladies could not take any message from my visitors. They would forget even the visitors' names. Whereupon the landladies were far more useful. They would fulfil everything most satisfactorily! The women of this class pick up everything much quicker.

I think the reason is very simple. Men have to work hard, exposing themselves on hot sun or pouring rain all day. They use all their physical strength, but very little brain, while the women remain in their houses and regulate domestic affairs with their brains. That is why. And certainly one who uses the brain is more suitable to concern herself about the political affairs than one who uses only his physical strength. If they see on the papers that the Government is intending to carry out some plan, the men of that class always ask, "Is it profitable to my pocket?" Whereupon women ask, "Is it good for our country?"

Indeed, women are more patriotic, which I appreciate very much, because I am a Japanese.

There are personal touches in the article, and impressions of the Suffragettes whom the writer has met, and the picturesque descriptions are rendered all the more vivid by four pages of clever illustrations, telling the story of the Movement as it is seen in the street, in the office, in the Albert Hall, and in Holloway Prison. May the country, which is beloved by Mr. Markino as the home of his adoption, be known in the future not only as the Originator of Parliaments, but also as the champion of the equality of men and women before the law of the land.

E. P. L.

### BOOKS RECEIVED.

"A Woman of the Revolution." By Frank Hamel. London: Stanley Paul. 16s. net.

"Love and Marriage." By Ellen Key. London: G. P. Putnam's. 6s. net.

"The Shakespeare Revival." By Reginald R. Buckley, Mary Neal, Arthur Hutchinson, and F. R. Benson. London: Allen and Sons. 3s. 6d. net.

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"The Dream Merchant." By Blanche Edwards. London: Elkin Mathews. 1s. net.

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With the drama, unlike literature, there must be either immediate success or sudden death. If the bantling can be set upon his legs, we may expect a "run." In view of the Press boycott of Suffrage news, it is important to keep an open stage. London will be full during the forthcoming Coronation season, and a Suffrage play would be one of the best advertisements for our cause. Let us all put our hands in our pockets and repair to the theatre. The ultra-loyal can remember that in seeing this play they are supporting the "Royalty," and that half-a-crown is better than none.

Its being a duty to see "The Master of Mrs. Chilvers" does not preclude it also being a pleasure. The fresh reality, the humour, the pathos of Mr. Jerome's comedy make the virtue of attendance its own reward. The atmosphere of politics and committee rooms is a welcome change after the usual stage convention of boudoirs and lovemaking. The society triangle that dominates the drama is here entirely absent. And, as is usually the case when the playwright dares to be true, the acting also is true. Miss Lena Ashwell plays the part of Mrs. Chilvers with a charm, a simple sincerity that make it seem absurd to speak of her "acting." The charwoman, Mrs. Chinn, taken by Sydney Fairbrother, is an almost perfect piece of work, as is also Edmund Gwenn's billposter. (Who was there in the audience who did not sympathise with his trials over the fire that would not draw?) But it is invidious to pick out individuals in a cast the general level of which is so remarkably high.

While paying tribute to the "real" quality in Mr. Jerome's work, one exception must be made. The plot, one cannot help feeling, is fantastically unreal. It is, at least, improbable that the first woman candidate for Parliament should be contesting a seat with her own husband. Such a Gilbertian situation is hardly in keeping with a serious treatment of the Suffrage question. Further, the trouble that results is as much a question of close relationship as of sex. If a father and a son were rival candidates, one can imagine the situation being equally strained. Consequently, in real life people avoid such situations.

Again, a further racking of the long arm of coincidence is necessitated by the "Master" of Mrs. Chilvers himself, the *deus ex machina* of the play. Mr. and Mrs. Chilvers have been for years a childless couple, or so we are given to understand. In the last act a baby is expected, the Master in question—a living contradiction, by the way, to the anti-Suffrage physical force argument. It is surely unlikely that this young master would so carefully select the precise moment that his mother had been returned to Parliament to embark on his own career. We were not aware that such Suffragette enthusiasm existed in the Land of the Unborn! Unfortunately, Master Chilvers' ill-advised aspiration after an M.P. (Mother in Parliament) defeats itself.

It may seem captious to dwell on this point, but such an incident is more than improbable; it is in essence false. Motherhood is certainly a difficulty in the case of many vocations pursued by women; such, for instance, as sick nursing, or entertaining, or even, paradoxical as it sounds, domesticity itself. What could be more incompatible with successful maternity than the heavy scrubbing and washing, the carrying of the coals and the dowager-baby that fall to the lot of a workman's wife?

But with regard to women's political representation, the physical handicap of maternity is almost negligible. To take the extreme case considered in the play, the returning of women members, not more than one woman in a hundred thousand could hope to sit in Parliament, if only because there are neither the seats nor the space. This small number could surely be recruited among widows and spinsters. Moreover, there would be little likelihood of maternity even among wives so long as the average age of members remained unchanged.

Again, this motherhood difficulty that plays so large a part in the play, is even less apparent in considering the question of the woman's vote, which is all that is before the world to-day. The minute percentage of women who would be physically incapacitated by motherhood from going to the polls, say, once in four years, might be set off against the percentage of men who are physically incapacitated at such times by drink. And as regards registering the vote wisely when the poll is reached, there could be no better preparation than the long, quiet hours spent by the mother in "rocking the cradle" that holds the future of our race.

This point Mr. Jerome has realised. At the end of the play he makes Mrs. Chilvers explain that after the babe is born she will want the vote more than ever, for she will want to try and make a happier world for her child.

Mr. Jerome is one of the few men to grasp the driving force of the Woman's Suffrage movement. It is nothing new, but the old primitive instinct of guarding her young, of building them a shelter, that is urging woman to the polls. Woman's domestic passion naturally makes her feel that her place is in "The House." Mr. Jerome has voiced woman's aspiration in some passages of pure poetry, which is another way of saying that they are the highest truth.

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## CARRY THE BILL!

"In practice a quinquennial Parliament would last only four years, and the clause would apply only to bills introduced in the first or second years of a Parliament. Those introduced in the third and fourth years would have to stand over to a new Parliament."—The "Manchester Guardian's" report of Mr. Asquith's speech on Monday last in the House of Commons.

Here we have, from the Prime Minister himself, a full and final confirmation of the statement made in our issue of last week. That statement was that if the enactment of the Woman Suffrage Bill before the next General Election is to be assured, it must pass through the House of Commons this Session. The reason for this is to be found in the Government's Veto Bill. Under the new scheme which this measure creates, the Lords, while they cannot prevent the enactment of Bills passed by the House of Commons in the first two Sessions of a Parliament, are authorised to hang up until after another General Election all Bills which are introduced into the House of Commons in the remaining Sessions of the Parliament. From this it follows that, if women are to be enfranchised before the end of the present Parliament, facilities for the Woman Suffrage Bill must be provided either this Session or next; or, more correctly, they must be provided this Session, for if the Government are not willing to grant facilities this year, they are not likely to find it more easy to do so next year.

An offer of facilities for the third Session, in 1913, would be a mere mockery, and could only be made with the hope and the intention of getting the Lords to refuse to pass the Bill before the close of the present Parliament. This the Lords could do, because, as the General

Election will take place in 1914, the prescribed interval of two years would not have elapsed, and the Bill would be deprived of the protection of the Veto scheme established by the Government's Veto Bill.

Last week we gave as reasons why a General Election in 1914 is inevitable, the disintegration of the Government forces which must occur when the Home Rule question is settled, and the changes in the composition of the House of Commons likely to be effected by a Home Rule Bill. And now, in addition to these reasons, we have the Prime Minister assuring us that under the new system of shorter Parliaments for which his Veto Bill provides, the present Parliament will come to an end in 1914, and that Bills which pass the Commons later than next Session will not become law before the next Election. In fact, he has told us in so many words that if the promise which he has given to women and to the House of Commons is to be fulfilled at all, it must be fulfilled this year.

Let us once more recall the precise terms of this promise made just before the last Election. It ran as follows:—

The Government will give facilities in the next Parliament for effectively proceeding with a Bill which is so framed as to admit of free amendment.

The promise provides, be it noticed, for effective facilities in this Parliament. Now, facilities would not be effective, nor would they apply to this Parliament unless they enabled the Woman Suffrage Bill to be placed on the Statute Book before the next General Election. Knowing as we do that if the Bill is to become law before the next Election it must pass through the Commons this Session, we say emphatically that a refusal of facilities this Session would be taken to mean that the Government intend deliberately to break their promise of effective facilities for this Parliament.

There is, both in the Press and in statements by Members of Parliament, an encouraging dearth of arguments against carrying the Bill this Session. It would, perhaps, be too much to expect to be altogether spared a repetition in some few quarters of the excuses for delay raised during the last half-century by opponents of Woman Suffrage. Thus, one Member of Parliament writes to a constituent to say that the discussion of the Veto Bill affords a reason why nothing can be done for Woman Suffrage this Session. The best answer to this excuse is to be found in the recent utterances of three Cabinet Ministers, who have each expressed the opinion that the present Session is the appropriate one for carrying a Woman Suffrage Bill.

Mr. Birrell said, on October 28 last, in reply to a deputation of Irish women: "I am strongly of opinion that in the course of next year (1911) facilities must be given. I will do the best I can in the coming year to see that it obtains a full measure of Parliamentary time which it could only obtain if facilitated by the Government."

Mr. Runciman said, on October 25 last: "My suggestion is that you should concentrate your efforts on securing that the Bill shall be introduced as early as possible next Session, and that time shall be given, in order that it may be dealt with in 1911. Concentrate your efforts on 1911!"

And Sir Edward Grey, replying to a deputation, said, on November 12: "It has been my personal opinion that next year (1911), if the House remains of the same mind, facilities ought to be found for the proper discussion and further progress of the Bill."

Sir Edward Grey and his two colleagues, when they made these declarations, knew that the Veto Bill would be under discussion, and were perfectly able to forecast the circumstances of the present Session, yet they saw, and we may presume still see, no reason why the Woman Suffrage Bill should not also be carried.

Another Member of Parliament argues as an excuse for delay that if the Bill were carried, the Government would have at once to appeal to the country. In answer to this objection, we have to say that women are prepared to wait for the opportunity of exercising their newly-acquired vote until this Parliament comes to an end in the usual way, and that an immediate appeal to the country will be unnecessary. Women have worked and waited for the vote for 50 years, and once the Bill is on the Statute Book they are prepared to wait a little longer before actually entering the polling booth and placing their vote in the ballot-box. What women really are concerned to secure is that when in 1914 the next General Election occurs, they shall be able to take part in it as electors. As we have shown above, the only way to guarantee this is for the Woman Suffrage Bill to be passed through the House of Commons in the present Session of Parliament.

Christabel Pankhurst.



# HOW AUSTRALIA GAVE WOMEN VOTES.

By VIDA GOLDSTEIN,

President of the Women's Political Association of Victoria.

Six weeks' experience in Great Britain of the fight for the political enfranchisement of women (during which I have met and corresponded with non-party militants; party Constitutionalists, Conservative, Liberal; and Labour and non-party Constitutionalists), has been sufficient to prove to me that in almost every particular, women in this country who demand the Vote have to contend with the same forces as opposed us in Australia, once we had secured a large majority of supporters in the Lower Houses of our State Parliaments. It took over twenty years to reach that stage. During that period, the Suffragists were not regarded seriously by the Party Press, which is the male electors' Bible, and our women were compelled to appeal to the voters almost one by one. The ridicule and calumny the pioneer Suffragists met with from the Press gradually gave way to contemptuous toleration of a fad that occupied the time of "The Shrieking Sisterhood" and a "Few Notoriety-Hunters."

## The Same Difficulties as in England.

As we pointed triumphantly to the increased majority of pledged supporters we secured at every General Election, we were assured that our majorities meant nothing. Woman Suffrage was only one of a hundred trifles brought forward at election times, and supported by men who were willing to give meaningless promises to any stray individuals who might prove useful in winning votes. When, however, our true friends began to make their influence felt in Parliament, we were met by the same difficulties that beset the women here. We had to wrestle with newspaper misrepresentation and suppression of important suffrage news; with Conservatives who thought the women's vote would be a Liberal vote; with the Liberals who thought it would be a Conservative vote; with the Conservatives and Liberals who thought it would be a Labour vote; with the Conservatives and Liberals who were equally positive women could not understand the great financial, imperial and diplomatic questions, which, after all, were the very essence of politics; with the women who put party before principle; and with the false friends, in all parties, who were ready to vote cheerfully for a Woman Suffrage Bill every time it was brought forward, who would make the most eloquent, impassioned speeches in favour of the Bill, but would not lift a little finger to put it on the Statute Book. Enthusiasm, devotion, sincerity, and persistence ultimately wore down opposition, and every party united in doing justice to women by passing the Bill designed to remove the political disability of sex.

## "Adult Suffrage."

One essential similarity between the movement in Australia and that in the United Kingdom is that from the first in both countries the woman suffrage societies have concentrated on the demand to obliterate the discrimination against sex. The attempt of the adult suffragists in this country to claim the Australian movement in support of their contention is entirely unsound. Adult Suffrage in Australia is still something of a misnomer. In all the State Upper Houses property interests are dominant, and in several of the Lower Houses there is, in addition to Adult Suffrage, an extra privilege given to property owners, by means of which they can combine to defeat a candidate who possibly puts a higher estimate on human life than on mere property, thus destroying the basic principle of Adult Suffrage. Full, unrestricted Adult Suffrage obtains for the Commonwealth Parliament only, the House of Representatives and the Senate being elected on the same Franchise. Adult Suffrage and Woman Suffrage were never regarded as synonymous terms in Australia, and the Australian women did not fight for adult suffrage, but for the removal of the sex barrier.

## How the Vote was Won.

English men and women who are opposed to the policy of the militant Suffragists say to me, "You got the Vote in Australia by working in an orderly, constitutional manner; you did not need to do the disgraceful, unwomanly things the Suffragettes have done." We finally got the Vote in Australia after twenty-five years' work in South Australia, the first State to grant the reform; after thirty-nine years' work in Victoria, the last State to grant it—because our men electors have a keener sense of justice than the men in England have. Because of the silence of the Press, the great educationalist on public questions in these days, it took twenty-five, thirty, thirty-nine, years, in the different States, to reach the men electors. Once our case was presented fairly to them by our women, they readily responded. There is a sense of freedom in the very atmosphere of Australia that one does not feel in England. Our broad, open spaces develop broad, open minds, and the majority of the electors lined up with us when they had a chance of knowing what we were striving for. The great struggle came when our Bill had to run the gauntlet of our reactionary Legislative Coun-

cils, but in all the States except Victoria, strong, resolute Premiers ultimately forced the Upper House to bow to the popular will. In Victoria we had no such Premier, and the Woman Suffrage agitation was unduly prolonged. At last, only two votes were required to carry the Bill; there seemed to be no likelihood of getting them and things became desperate. The patience of the women was strained to breaking point, and they seriously discussed the adoption of the militant policy which had been used with such success in England. Even men were beginning to feel that something of the kind would be necessary, and a Liberal Member of the Federal Parliament came to me and said, "Miss Goldstein, if you will lead a Procession to the State Parliament, I will help to smash the windows of the Legislative Council." Just at this time our obstinate Premier began to show signs of weakening under a "pestering" policy that we had directed towards him personally. A little more pressure, a little more "pestering," and our Bill was taken up as a Government measure, and passed into law on November 18, 1908.

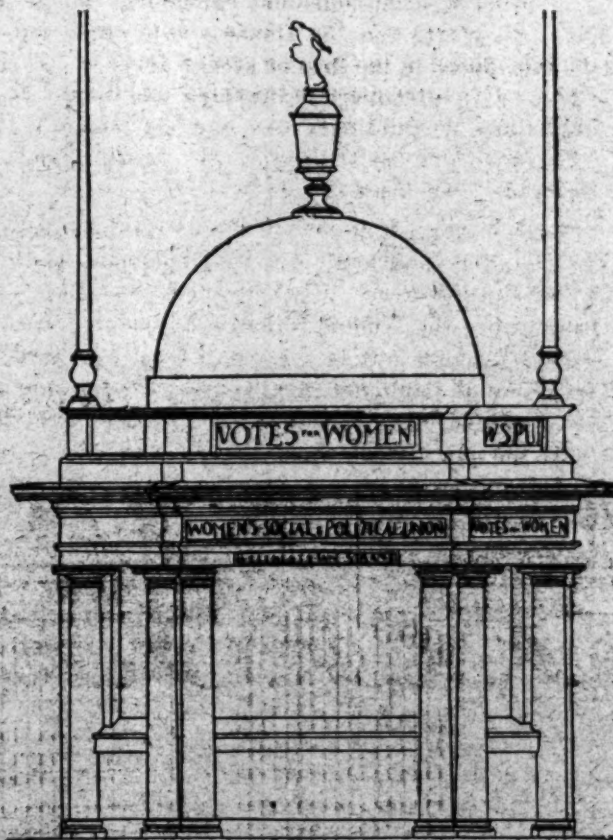
## How Militancy was Prevented.

Although militancy was not required in Australia, the militant spirit was there, and militancy was prevented only by the Premier recognising in time that he must yield to the inevitable. The women who had borne the burden and heat of the Suffrage fight in Victoria had no doubt from the first of the ethical and spiritual necessity of the militant policy in England. They alone knew the price they had had to pay for political freedom, and they believed that any action that would expedite the winning of a reform necessary for the protection of women and children, for industrial well-being, and for national righteousness, was justifiable. They believed that it would be better to sacrifice some of the conventional hot-house ideas of what constitutes a "lady" in order to secure true womanliness; to make it possible for women to emancipate themselves from an industrial and moral slavery that has no parallel in history; and to set free a great spiritual force which should overcome the commercialism, opportunism, and materialism of man-made politics. They believed with Mr. Roosevelt that:

Peace is generally good in itself, but it is never the highest good unless it comes as the handmaid of righteousness, and it becomes a very evil thing if it serves merely as a mask of cowardice and sloth, or as an instrument to further the ends of despotism and anarchy.

The peace which reigned supreme in the Suffrage ranks in England five years ago appeared like an Angel of Light and deceived the very elect. Fortunately, there were women whose spiritual vision was keen enough to detect the disguise, who were brave enough to expose it. Ridiculed, maligned, persecuted, as all the great leaders of the past have been, they have gone steadily on. No other course was possible. Their eyes were towards the true light. "The woman soul leadeeth us ever upward and on."

## THE W.S.P.U. KIOSK.



Our illustration shows the beautiful white kiosk taken for the sale of Suffrage literature and propaganda work by the W.S.P.U. at the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace. The Kiosk is in a main thoroughfare, opposite "New Zealand." It will be opened on Friday by Mrs. Pankhurst, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will take the opportunity of being present.

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## W.S.P.U. VICTORY IN CHELTENHAM.

Government Nominee Defeated by Four Votes.

Mr. Egg Gardner (C)..... 2053  
Major Mathias (L)..... 2049

Majority..... 4

"Cheltenham can help the women by putting on the screw. Fifty votes will turn the scale. The Government need that tonic. It may be bitter to the taste, but it will be good for their constitution"—so said Miss Christabel Pankhurst at a splendid meeting in Cheltenham Town Hall on the eve of polling day, and the result has shown that the electors have responded to the appeal of the women.

The W.S.P.U. fought against the Liberal candidate on account of the failure of the Government to give a pledge of facilities for the Conciliation Bill. If that pledge had been given they would at once have withdrawn from the contest, and Major Mathias would have been the member to-day. No one can seriously doubt this fact.

There was abundant evidence that Major Mathias himself attributed his defeat to the Suffragists. On being greeted in the Town Hall on the declaration of the poll on Friday night by Miss Flatman, the W.S.P.U. organiser, he remarked: "I did support your Bill."

The Conservatives also recognised that the Women's Social and Political Union had turned the scale against the Government nominee.

The campaign was conducted with renewed vigour up to the day of the poll, and during the last few days two brilliant meetings were held in the Town Hall, one addressed by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and referred to in our last week's issue (and fully reported in the *Cheltenham Looker-on*),

the other on the eve of the poll, when Miss Christabel Pankhurst was the speaker. The *Morning Post*, referring to this meeting, says, "The chief point of interest was the explicit statement that many Liberals have promised at this election to stand by the women in their fight for the vote. This and other features of the campaign have greatly heartened the Unionist leaders."

The meeting was a splendid one, and has done much to help the cause in Cheltenham. Miss Pankhurst pointed out that those who paid taxes ought to have a voice in the spending of their money. They asked that women who suffered from unjust laws should have a voice in the making of laws. They let women do the dirty work of politics, canvassing and so forth, the clean work was voting. In war when men were sent out to do the killing they sent out the women to do the life saving. The Florence Nightingales were just as much needed by the State as the Tommy Atkins. Women served the State just as truly and just as faithfully as the best men in the country. . . . Time was slipping by, and opportunities were being lost. There was so much that women could do if they had the vote. But they were not going to give in. They were going on fighting despite every obstacle placed before them. They knew that in the end they were bound to win, and so they were going on turning defeat into victory. They were prepared to go to prison for the cause, to risk their lives for it, and to suffer stigma for it. The vote was bound to come. The audience showed its interest by the large number of questions, which, says the *Gloucester Echo*, "were answered very cleverly by Miss Christabel Pankhurst."

From that true "fountain of mendacity" and misrepresentation of the Women's Suffrage movement—the present Cabinet—its spokesman being the chameleon Home Secretary, proceeds a declaration that no public enquiry will be made into the conduct of the police towards the women's deputations on November 13, 22, and 23 of last year. The reason is plain. Cowards fear the light of truth, because no truth is in them. . . . The barbarity with which the women's deputations were treated has roused the indignation of all who know the true facts of the case and have not been misled by the reports of a biased Press. Against the word of a self-interested Minister and his paid subordinates we place the testimony of Mr. Mansell Moullin, Dr. Ede, Dr. Flora Murray, Mr. Bradfield, Mr. Nevins, Dr. Garrett Anderson, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Mrs. Ayton, Mrs. Saul Solomon, and other representative persons too numerous to mention.

—*The Anglo-Rustian*.

## THE CHARGES AGAINST THE POLICE.

We have very carefully perused the "Memorandum," which contains a series of charges which, if conclusively proved before a free and independent tribunal, would certainly give a rude shock to the public's faith in the generally-believed patience and forbearance of the police. We cast no doubt whatever upon the veracity of the ladies whose statements are given, but the details, in some cases revolting, make such reading as to cause wonder at the refusal of the Home Secretary to order the investigation asked for. If such acts as are stated to have taken place really occurred, an inquiry should have been held, and if the charges were proved, those responsible should have been severely punished.

—*Civil Service Gazette*.

## IBSEN AND VOTES FOR WOMEN.

An amusing, though deeply significant, account of Henrik Ibsen's championship of the principle of Woman Suffrage, as long ago as 1878, appeared recently in the *Daily Telegraph*. In that year, at a committee meeting of the *Scandinavian Club*, Ibsen proposed that the women members should be allowed to vote as the men did. When he found that only five votes had been recorded in favour of his resolution he was furious, and proceeded to buttonhole one member after another, asking them how they had voted. Many tried to escape before the wrathful dramatist caught them, but considerably more than five assured him that they had supported his proposal rather than face his anger. For several days afterwards Ibsen refused to speak to any of the club members, and when he did so it was to hold forth at the annual banquet on their delinquencies. "I had desired," he said, indignantly, "to do the club a great favour by introducing into its deliberations the new spirit of the age; for the time must come when further resistance to the new ideas will become impossible. What is the result? You have regarded my proposal as something almost criminal. Only uneducated persons—nay, worse, only the scum of the earth—could behave as you have done." It was shortly after this that the "Doll's House" was published.

The Actresses' Franchise League will hold an important meeting to discuss the injustice and inequalities of the marriage laws on Thursday, May 18, at 3 p.m., at the Criterion Restaurant. Speakers: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, LL.D., Cecil Chapman, Esq., J.P., Dr. Alice Vickery, Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G., and Mrs. Hugo Arnes. Tickets: 2s. reserved; 1s. unreserved, from the Offices of the League, 2, Robert Street, Adelphi, W.C.

## WARNING.

A lady asks us to warn our readers against a man who professes to be a member of the Men's League, who is calling at ladies' houses asking for support. She says he is a spare man, rather under medium height, weather-beaten, and has a small wart near the end of his nose; has a pleasant, intelligent manner, and is cheerful.

## DENMARK NEXT?

Interview with the Premier.

Danish women are hoping that their country will be the next on the list of the roll of honour to grant justice to its women. We have recorded already that the Danish Minister in the United States had been instructed to study the results of woman suffrage there, and now an interesting and significant statement has been made by the Danish Premier, Mr. Klaus Berntsen, to a Danish lady, Mrs. Glane, in an interview. Mr. Berntsen, when he founded his Cabinet a year ago, expressed the hope that Danish women would have the vote before the next election, and our correspondent, reminding him of this, asked him what chances there were for the Bill. Mr. Berntsen's answer was as follows:—

"Here in Denmark, I believe, there is a much better understanding between the women and the Government than in England; had it been the English Prime Minister you were interviewing on this subject, I suppose you would have been searched beforehand to see if you had a revolver! As to your question, the Bill has been passed in all its stages by the Lower House, but has not been met with approval of the Upper House, to which you ought to apply for an answer to your question. I personally will certainly promote it as far as I can."

## DEPUTATION TO MR. SAMUEL.

Suffragists are no longer in doubt as to how much sympathy with their cause they may expect from Mr. Herbert Samuel, Postmaster-General. Yielding to the pressure of popular sympathy with the cause, to which even he can no longer blind himself, Mr. Samuel consented to receive a deputation of Suffragists at Newcastle on Saturday last. The deputation consisted of Miss Annie Williams, secretary of the Newcastle W.S.P.U., Dr. Ethel Williams (Liberal and N.U.W.S.S.), Mrs. Atkinson (W.S.P.U.), and Mrs. Harrison Bell (Labour), representing the Women's Co-operative Guild and the Women's Liberal League. The deputation was introduced by Mr. Shortt, M.P. for Newcastle, and the interview lasted for more than an hour. Miss Williams urged Mr. Samuel to use his influence to have the Bill passed this session, and asked if he would promise his personal help. Dr. Ethel Williams asked for the suffrage on democratic grounds, and Mrs. Harrison Bell spoke from the point of view of the working man's wife. To this representative deputation, Mr. Samuel gave an evasive answer of absolutely no value. His views, he said, he had already explained to his constituents. He was responsible to them, and to no one else; he would not promise to vote for the second reading; he would not pledge the Government, in fact, he refused to express any views.

## NO VOTE, NO TAX.

A representative gathering of Tax-resisting women met at 6, Station Road, Finsbury Park, on Thursday, April 27, to support Dr. Constance Long in her practical protest against a Government which insists on taxing women while denying them the privilege of voting. The Auction Room was crowded and the auctioneer and his attendants were most sympathetic and courteous. They insisted on the Tax-Resistance Banner being carried into the room and arranged behind the auction desk, while others were displayed in the shop window which faced the street. Before Dr. Long's property was sold, she was invited to a post of honour beside the auctioneer, from which she vantage ground she delivered a short and touching address. With a hearty three cheers for Dr. Long, and another three for VOTES FOR WOMEN, the demonstration at the auction room ended. An open-air meeting was afterwards held.

## MEN'S POLITICAL UNION

For Women's Enfranchisement.

Offices: 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.  
Telephone: City 6073.  
Founders and Hon. Organising Secs.—Victor D. Daval.

A few reserved tickets (1s. and 6d.) are still obtainable from the above address for the Public Welcome to Mr. Hugh A. Franklin at the Caxton Hall on Monday, May 15, when in addition to Mr. Franklin, the speakers will include Miss Vida Goldstein, Mr. H. W. Nevins, and the Right Rev. Bishop Mathew. The Union is always in need of more speakers, and those who wish to help the cause in this excellent way have a good opportunity of learning by attendance at Miss Rosa Leo's class held at the offices, every Monday evening at 7.45 p.m. sharp. These classes are open to members only, and fees (payable in advance) are a guinea for first ten lessons, and 10s. 6d. for every succeeding ten. At the present moment a large amount of clerical work is being done at the offices, and members who have even a half hour to spare are invited to help in this work any time of the day or evening, previously notifying the secretary.

**North London Section.**—Owing to the successful meeting last month in Palmer's Green—organised by this section—another is being arranged at Wood Green, and those able to help should communicate with the hon. secretary, North London Branch, 3, Meadowcroft Villas, Palmer's Green, N. The following meetings will take place: Tuesday, May 2, Alderman's Hill, Palmer's Green, N., 7.30; Saturday, May 6, Spouter's Corner, Wood Green, N., 7.30.

**South London Section.**—A campaign of outdoor meetings is being organised in Camberwell, and those willing to help should communicate with R. Bowden-Smith, 3, Ryedale, Honor Oak, S.E.

**Treasurer's Note.**—Will those members who have not yet returned their collecting sheet kindly forward the same, with money collected, to the hon. treasurer, at above address, this week? With further legal expenses pending, contributions are urgently needed at the present moment. Gratefully acknowledged.

Amount already acknowledged.....	£205 19 8
Mrs. H. B. Hanson .....	0 13 10
H. W. Nevins, Esq. ....	0 10 8
H. Harvey, Esq. ....	0 8 0
Mrs. H. M. Dahl .....	0 8 0
Membership fees .....	70 3 0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>£295 16 10</b>

## A TRICK.

We have referred before to the foolish advertising trick by which certain music hall artistes seek to draw public attention to their performance. It consists of employing women to make so-called Suffragette protests in the audience. As these artistes are now playing in London, we take this opportunity of warning our readers once more against this discreditable method of advertising.

## AT THE THEATRES.

Nothing is more remarkable than the fact that at many of the principal theatres plays dealing with the woman's movement are being acted at the present moment. Among those in London may be specially mentioned "The Lily" (Duke of York's); "A Doll's House" (Kingsway); "A Butterfly on the Wheel" (Globe); "The Master of Mrs. Chivers" (New Royalty); and "Fanny's First Play" (Little Theatre).

The matinee given by Mrs. Cunningham in aid of the Men's Political Union at the Court Theatre on Friday afternoon last attracted a large and representative audience. The plays were "The Gaol Gate," by Lady Gregory; two plays by Mrs. Cunningham, "Out in the Storm" and "The Laugh against the Lawyer" (at the close of the latter, which caused much amusement, the author was loudly called for); and "How He Lied to Her Husband," in which Mr. Bernard Shaw most amusingly makes the heroine say that all her troubles arise out of the fact that she has once seen "Candida." All the plays elicited great applause, and the afternoon was further enlivened by violinello solos by Miss Pearl Evelyn Bryer. The artistes appearing in the various plays were Miss Chapin (who has suffered four months' imprisonment for the women's cause), Miss Elsie Chapin, Miss Eva Chapin, Miss Ethel Patrick, Miss Agnes Thomas, Mr. Laurence Clarence, Mr. Edward Compton Courts, Mr. Maurice Elvey, Mr. O. Powis Griffiths, Mr. Vincent Holman, Mr. B. A. Pittar, and Mr. Cowley Wright.

## THE WOMEN'S BILL.

The Independent Labour Party, at their sitting at Birmingham on April 18, passed a resolution pressing for the immediate settlement of the question of the enfranchisement of women on the same terms as men.

## PROMISES OF SUPPORT.

Miss Key Jones has had an interview with Mr. Arnold Rowntree, M.P. for York, who announced his intention of "pairing" in favour of the Bill, as he was anxious to get it through as soon as possible. Miss Key Jones told him of the indignation which would be felt by women if the Bill were not allowed to go through. Mr. Alfred Bird, M.P. for Wolverhampton West, writing to the local suffrage society, promises his entire support for the Bill.

Members of the Edinburgh Men's League for Woman Suffrage have been carrying out during the week an open-air campaign in favour of the Bill, terminating on the evening of Thursday, May 4, with a demonstration in Princes Street. Postcards were sent out to members of the League, to be filled in by electors and sent to members of Parliament.

## SOME PRESS VIEWS.

In the course of a leading article this week, the *Christian Commonwealth* says:—  
"There is little doubt that the second reading will be carried by a substantial majority, and we trust that the Government will not fail to give facilities for passing the Bill into law this session. Thus would come to an end a bitter and weary struggle, in which women have shown a courage and self-sacrifice unsurpassed in the history of any reform. . . . This is no mere political issue, but one fraught with moral and spiritual results, whose magnitude none can calculate. . . . We are past the time for any sort of sham, and also week-kneed action. Justice, fully conscious of itself, is demanding entrance, and we should fling the doors wide open to its incoming."

Among all sections of the community there is a growing feeling that the time has come when sex ought to be no barrier to the franchise. The experience of the Colonies has shown that the women voters have exercised a wholesome influence on the fortunes of the State, and even for hypersensitive critics "this monstrous regiment of women" has lost half its former terrors. The Bill is a step—and a long one too—in the right direction.

—*Aberdeen Evening Gazette*.

Much is being published regarding the new Conciliation Bill, its claims, and its chances. There need be no doubt as to the second reading in the Commons; there will be a big majority for it. The question of any real consequence relates to the facilities for its further progress, and surely there is not the vestige of an excuse for any further delay. The time has arrived "to see the thing through."

—*Northern Daily Telegraph*.

The Bill has much to recommend it. If it is right to give the vote to ratepaying males, it is equally right that all ratepaying females should have the privilege extended to them. . . . It is an immense improvement on the measure framed last year by Mr. Shackleton. There is no suspicion of party advantage about it. That in itself is a strong recommendation in its favour. . . . The Bill seems to us an honest endeavour to abolish a disgraceful national anomaly. . . . It is worthy of whole-hearted popular support. But will the Government abide by its promise made on the eve of the General Election?

—*Dundee Courier*.

## W.S.P.U. SHIP.

A scheme for chartering a decorated steamer for the Coronation Naval Review at Southampton is under consideration. Members and friends wishing for accommodation on board should send in their names to Miss Kerr, W.S.P.U. Offices, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. The carrying out of this plan and price of tickets will depend entirely upon the number of applications sent in. It is estimated that two and a-half guineas will be the maximum cost per person, including railway fare, but exclusive of food. Catering would be done on board.

## BARNSTAPLE BY-ELECTION.

The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, who is in the constituency, has interviewed the two candidates on behalf of the W.S.P.U.





## MRS. ELMY AND JUNE 17.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—I hope, if well enough for the journey to London, to meet you at the Westminster Embankment on June 17, and to walk in your Procession. As I founded the first Manchester Women's Suffrage Society in October, 1865, and have worked my hardest for the cause of justice to the sexes ever since, I should not like to be absent on such an occasion. I have done my utmost by writing to every friend I have in the present administration (nine of them, five of these in the Cabinet), asking each of them to use his utmost influence to secure the adoption of the Conciliation Bill as a Government measure and its being carried into law this very Session. I have pointed to the precedent set by Mr. Gladstone's second administration, when the Ministry of the day adopted and carried into law the Married Women's Property Act of 1882 and the Infants Bill of 1886, both Bills being piloted through the Lords by Lord Chancellor Selborne. I fear that this next visit to London must be my last, as I am nearing my 78th year and am fast losing strength. I have worked for justice to womanhood ever since 1865, and for special legislative reforms ever since I formed the first Manchester W.S. Committee. Several of these are now law, but nothing is or will be perfectly secure till we are, equally with men, free citizens, and equally with men, "Makers of Parliament."

E. W. ELMY.

Congleton.

## THE N.U.T. CONFERENCE.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—May I remind all Suffragist teachers who have not already done so to send a reminder at once to Dr. Macnamara at the House of Commons, expressing the wish for the immediate enfranchisement of duly qualified women teachers, and asking him to try and exercise his vote in such a manner as will enable the Conciliation Bill to pass into law this Session?—Yours, etc.,

A LOVER OF JUSTICE.

## To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—Every fair minded person must agree with your correspondents as to the scant courtesy and injustice meted out to Mr. Allen Croft and the supporters of the Woman's Suffrage resolution, at the Aberystwith Conference. The enemies of Woman's Suffrage said there was no justification for the Executive bringing forward such a resolution, no local association having moved in the matter, or sent up a resolution dealing with its unenfranchised women teachers. I would here mention that a resolution somewhat like the following was brought forward at two consecutive quarterly meetings in the Association to which I belong:—"Until the Enfranchisement of duly qualified women teachers becomes an accomplished fact, the Executive of N.U.T. shall not exact from them any subscription towards parliamentary representation." On both occasions the Anti-Suffragists turned up in large numbers, talked until 9.30 p.m., after which no contentious matter, according to the rules, can be discussed, and pointing to the clock blocked further discussion. According to the rules, however, it would still have been possible to circumvent such devices if all those in the Association who are in favour of Women's Enfranchisement had been present.

I am informed that the Executive of N.U.T. intend to send the resolution so ably moved by Mr. A. Croft at Conference to all the Local Associations for discussion at the next quarterly meeting. In view of all these facts, does it not behove all Suffragist teachers and their friends to turn up in strength at the quarterly meetings of their associations, and not let judgment again go by default? Many Suffragist teachers, relying on the inherent justice of their Cause, have in the past trusted in others. Let them now depend on themselves, and the matter will doubtless soon be right. Many of us would like to take an early opportunity of thanking Mr. Allen Croft and all those men and women who, in defiance of ridicule and discourtesy, persisted in urging the matter, and forcing a straight vote at Conference.—Yours, etc.,

FLORENCE M. RUSSELL.

## MEETING AT FELIXSTOWE.

A representative and fashionable gathering assembled in the Pavilion, Felixstowe, on Saturday afternoon, April 29, to hear Miss Vida Goldstein and the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield. The Rev. Dr. Cobb, Rector of St. Ethelburga's, London, E.C., Chairman, was supported by Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., late Mayor of Alderbury. In proposing the resolution, Dr. Cobb said that the question of Woman Suffrage was the most live political question of the day, and that the Women's Bill was the most truly Liberal measure brought before the country for a long time past. For good or ill, the Government had embarked on a democratic line of policy. A community could only be governed with its own consent, and women, as well as men, claimed to be governed by consent. Miss Vida Goldstein, who was received with enthusiastic cheering and presented with a beautiful bouquet in the colours of the Union, expressed the pleasure it gave her to come to the assistance of her English sisters in the fight they were waging. She explained the political system prevailing in Australia, and explained how the women there had risen and responded to their political responsibilities. Women had already done much for the children, and they were now agitating for women justices to deal with juvenile cases. It was also largely due to the women of Victoria that a Pure Food Bill had been introduced and carried. Women had brought a new element into politics—the element of the home.

The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield made a brief but telling speech seconding the resolution, which was carried with only one dissentient. The *East Anglian Daily Times* thus prefaces an excellent report of the meeting:—"There are many things which the Women's Social and Political Union can do extremely well besides obstructing the police and dodging the Census. They conduct their own meetings and social gatherings with great success, their principal speakers as a rule are excellent, much wittier, and on the whole more eloquent than the men; and, above all, much briefer and to the point. None of these commendable features was lacking from the proceedings at the At Home given at the Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe on Saturday by the W.S.P.U., the organisation of which reflected great credit on Miss Grace Roe and other leaders of the movement."

## "UNTIL."

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—Many local appeals are coming in at present for help in Coronation Festivities. We, a household of three, have replied to them, as we have done to all appeals—that we will take no part in any public work until we have the vote, enabling us to help in the rooting out of evil instead of tinkering at it. Also that every farthing we can spare is devoted to the W.S.P.U. until that end is attained.—Yours, etc.,

EDITH H. GORDON.

Bath.

## A SYMPATHETIC LETTER.

Among our letters this week is one from Mr. Baldwin, of Leicester, who, writing in a most understanding way of the movement, says: "As a working man, and a dushman at that, I have endeavoured to commit my ideas to poetry," and he sends a poem, from which we quote the following verse:—

Their claim is right and based on justice,  
Though stupid men in power remain.  
Their actions prove it their intention,  
To have their vote or fight again!

## DEBATES AT BOARDING-HOUSES.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—May I make a suggestion that any member who is staying at hotels or boarding-houses should ask the permission of the proprietor to get up a debate on the Suffrage? I feel sure there will rarely be a refusal, and a profitable evening will be spent. When staying at China Hall, Boscombe, by the kind permission of Mrs. and Miss Clarke, we had a debate, the opponent being a Mr. Elgar, the resolution being "That the present disenfranchisement of women is to the detriment of the best interests of the nation," which was carried notwithstanding one of the "antis" tried hard to hold up two hands! Some free literature was distributed, two written promises to take in the paper were obtained; and I feel sure many of the audience felt that the Suffrage and Suffragettes had not been truly depicted by the Press.—Yours, etc.,

FLORENCE M. CANNING.

## FROM CAPE TOWN.

The following extract is from a letter from the Women's Citizen Club, Cape Town, dated March 22, to Mrs. Saul Solomon:—"We have been waiting for an opportunity of expressing our intense sympathy with you in the ghastly experiences of 'Black Friday' and on other occasions, and our deep appreciation of your courage in making public the experiences of yourself and others. Words cannot express our indignation that you and other noble women should have been subjected to such cruelty and indignity while trying—in legitimate ways—to obtain the liberties of women. We feel that you are fighting the battle for women the world over, and we beg to offer you our gratitude, and whatever support we can give at any time to your efforts. We are filled with horror that men of the so-called higher races should be capable of such actions, and especially that statesmen should initiate and defend them among the coarser and rougher classes. If the chivalry of men has departed, all the greater need for the chivalry of women, such as you and your colleagues have shown from one end of the world to the other.—Yours in reverent gratitude and fellowship,

Signed: (Mrs.) KATE GARNETT,  
Hon. Sec. Women's Citizen Club.

## NEARLY CONVERTED.

A correspondent, signing herself B. E. A. K., sends us another version of "Sandwich Women," which we are sorry we have no space to publish. She writes: "Such gibes as those contained in Miss Jessie Pope's verses (see VOTES FOR WOMEN, April 21) really further the women's cause than otherwise. I have hitherto been only an independent onlooker, but I think, I am not sure, those verses, so full of ridicule and spleen, have converted me."

## THE N.U.T. CONFERENCE.

In the course of a leading article dealing with the Conference of the National Union of Teachers during Easter week the *Birkenhead News* says:—"The fierce and not too well-mannered opposition to the resolution moved expressing sympathy with women's demand for the Parliamentary vote was positively astounding in view of the circumstance that until it was brought forward the delegates were deferentially and most willingly acknowledging the fitness of a woman to preside over their deliberations. If the clamorous opposition to the suffrage resolution meant anything it meant that, in the opinion of the majority, Miss Cleg-horn, whilst fully competent to fill the congressional chair, is not competent to exercise a function in the State which may be and is exercised by millions of men without reference to character or intelligence. We do not admire the logic of this position, and we confess that we should have looked to an assemblage of representative school teachers for a less reactionary and more tolerant spirit than was in evidence in connection with the abortive effort to obtain an expression of opinion in regard to the extension of the franchise. We decline to believe, however, despite the adverse votes on Wednesday and Thursday, that a majority of the elementary school teachers of this country—among whom, be it added, women largely predominate—are opposed to the demand of women for the vote. Each member of the Congress was a delegate, and we hope that in every instance the right of an anti-Suffrage delegate to represent his or her branch on this question will be the subject of inquiry."

A leading firm of paper-makers is distributing samples of poster paper in the W.S.P.U. colours. This, says a correspondent, may be taken as an indication of the great headway the Suffrage cause is making.

## CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Organisers and local secretaries are reminded that reports are often delayed through being addressed to individuals at Clements Inn, instead of to the Editors. All reports intended for insertion in VOTES FOR WOMEN should be addressed "The Editors," and should reach the office not later than first post Monday morning. The word "Report" should be written in the left hand corner of the envelope.

W.S.P.U. General Offices: 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

Many thanks to those members who came forward in answer to last week's appeal. The demand for paper-sellers, however, still greatly exceeds the supply, and this is especially the case in the evenings between 5 and 8 p.m. It has been suggested that members who come into town every day should sometimes catch a later train home, and so devote an hour or two to paper-selling after they leave work. Special arrangements will be made so that intending sellers may obtain their papers from a shop near the place where they intend to sell.

## Pitches.

Charing Cross, Victoria.  
Piccadilly.  
Tottenham Court Road.  
Oxford Circus.  
Selfridge's.  
The Bank.  
The House of Commons.  
London Bridge (5-6 p.m.).  
Marble Arch.

Volunteers are asked to communicate with Miss Helen Cragg, at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

## BARNET.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 13, Stratford Road.  
Members intending to join the Procession on June 17 are requested to send in their names at once. The deputation which waited on Mr. Carrile, M.P., at his town residence, on Tuesday, April 25, received a pledge that he would vote for the Conciliation Bill. Mr. Newman, M.P., also promised to vote for the second reading. Gratefully acknowledged, for cost of poster in Barnet Station, Miss O. M. Payne, ls.; Mrs. Kunzer, ls.; Miss A. Carlton-Smith, ls.; Miss Helen Gay, ls.

## BARNES.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem).—Mrs. Keeling, 24, Bishop's Mansions, Fulham, S.W.

It is hoped that a local union will shortly be started, and members are urged to come forward and help, especially at the open-air meetings, which are held every Wednesday on the Green at 7 p.m. Mrs. Keeling would be glad of any offers for drawing-room meetings or garden meetings, as it is important to hold as many meetings as possible before the Procession in June.

## BOWES PARK AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Organiser.—Miss H. Gargett, 4, Stenard Rd., Green.  
At a meeting in Mr. Proust's studio, on April 25, Father Heditch in the chair, Mrs. Brailsford, in a

delightful and brilliant address, reflected the general feeling of confidence and hope which fill the minds of women to-day for the success of their Bill. A splendid audience listened with rapt attention on Friday last to the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield and Mrs. Lornig-nol.

## CHELSEA, BATTERSEA, KENSAL TOWN.

Shop and Office—304, King's Road.  
Hon. Secs.—Miss Haig and Miss Blacklock.

Chelsea has undertaken the Artist's Contingent for the great Procession of June 17. The secretary will be glad to receive the names of those wishing to join. They should be sent in as soon as possible. Members and friends who will walk with the local union are also requested to place their names on the office list. A few Albert Hall tickets (2s. 6d.) can still be had. Miss Wolff Van Sandau has kindly offered to be Votes Captain, and has started a permanent pitch outside Knightsbridge Tube Station; Miss White, Miss Archer and Miss Givison have promised to help, but just at this critical time many more helpers are needed. Miss Naylor made a powerful speech to a large audience in Battersea Park on Sunday urging the importance of writing to Mr. Burns in support of the Conciliation Bill. Several promises were received.

## CLAPHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Strong, 34, Elspeth Road, Lavender Hill, S.W.

A good meeting was held on Clapham Common on Sunday last, when Miss Wentworth spoke to an interested audience; Miss Redshaw was in the chair. Papers sold well, and a collection was taken. Members and friends are asked to send Jumble Sale parcels as soon as possible. Will those who are able to help please send in their names to Mrs. Strong. Those who intend to walk with Clapham and Balham in the Procession on June 17 are asked to communicate with the secretary.

## CROYDON.

Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon.  
Tel. 989 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan and Miss Leslie Hall.

There will be an Exhibition of Blouses and Summer Frocks at next Monday's At Home (see programme), and also in the evening at 2, Station Buildings. Stewards for this At Home and for May 22, are needed. The importance of working parties is doubled now that Croydon is taking part in the Pageant on June 17; beautiful old-world costumes have been designed and cut out, and it will take many workers to get them made in time; the help of all is needed. Many thanks to all those who delivered invitations for the At Home and Mass Meeting; their splendid work is much appreciated. Gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Reader, 21, St. (Self-Denial collection); Typewriter Fund, C.W. 21; Mrs. Garfield Green, ls. 6d.; Mrs. Ireland, ls.; Miss Genge, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Russel, Mrs. Giddon, Mrs. Cameron-Swan are thanked for marmalade for the shop, and Miss Hardy for a present of African curiosities for sale.

## LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

May.					
Friday, 5.....	Chelsea, Sloane Square .....	Miss Naylor. Chair: Miss Cather ..	12 noon.		
" " .....	Clapham, Plough .....	Miss Richards .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Dulwich Library .....	Miss Lennox .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Harrow Road, "Prince of Wales" (outside) .....	Miss M. Wright. Chair: Mrs. Cullen	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Kensington Town Hall .....	Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B. .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	New Barnet, Railway Arch .....	Miss Baillie Guthrie .....	7.30 p.m.		
" " .....	North Islington, corner of Stroud Green and Hanley Roads .....	Chair: Mr. Percy Hawkins .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Westminster, Greycoat Place .....	Miss Baillie Guthrie, Mrs. Keeling ..	12.30 p.m.		
Saturday, 6 .....	Crouch End, Clock Tower .....	Miss Bonwick, B.A., Chair: Miss Dorton .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Fulham, Shorholme Road .....	Miss Coombs .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Hamstead, Conservatoire, Swiss Cottage, Reception .....	The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Miss Vida Goldstein. Hostesses: Mrs. Brailsford, Mrs. Gordon, Miss Beatrice Harraden, Mrs. Edwards .....	3.30 p.m.		
" " .....	Ilford, 68, Cranbrook Road, At Home .....	.....	7 p.m.		
" " .....	Balfour Road .....	.....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Islington, Copenhagen Street .....	Miss Blundell, Chair: Miss Dickson	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Lewisham, Shop .....	Committee Meeting .....	3.30 p.m.		
" " .....	" " Rally .....	Members and Friends .....	5 to 7 p.m.		
" " .....	" " Limes Grove .....	Miss Townsend, Chair: Miss Wright	7.30 p.m.		
" " .....	Marble Arch .....	Miss Bain .....	6 p.m.		
" " .....	Putney, Monserat Road .....	Miss Bain .....	7.30 p.m.		
" " .....	Richmond, Fire Station .....	Miss Barwell, Chair: Miss Ellison	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Willowden Green Library .....	Miss Feek .....	8 p.m.		
Sunday, 7 .....	Battersea Park .....	Mrs. Brailsford, Chair: Miss Blacklock .....	3 p.m.		
" " .....	Brockwell Park .....	Miss Naylor, Miss Mary Thompson ..	3 p.m.		
" " .....	Clapham Common .....	Miss G. Brackenbury. Chair: Miss Guttridge .....	3 p.m.		
" " .....	Ealing Common .....	Chair: Mrs. Tidwell .....	3.30 p.m.		
" " .....	Hamstead Heath .....	Miss Hicks, M.A. .....	11.30 a.m.		
" " .....	Lewisham, Catford Tram Terminus ..	Miss Tyson. Chair: Miss Lambart	3 p.m.		
" " .....	Putney Heath .....	Miss Myers. Chair: Mrs. Davies ..	3 p.m.		
" " .....	Streatham Common .....	Miss M. Wright, Miss M. E. Thompson .....	3 p.m.		
" " .....	Wimbledon Common .....	Miss E. Wylie .....	3 p.m.		
Monday, 8 .....	Camden Town, Cobden's Statue .....	Miss Baillie Guthrie, Miss Boulting ..	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Child's Hill .....	Miss Lennox .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Croydon, Small Public Hall .....	Lady Meyer, E. Pott, Esq. .....	3 p.m.		
" " .....	Fulham, Elm Road .....	Miss Richard .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Manor Road .....	Miss Feek .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus ..	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Vida Goldstein, Mrs. Pankhurst .....	3 to 5 p.m.		
" " .....	Westminster, Warwick Street and Tachbrook Street .....	Miss Kinkaid, Mrs. Robson .....	8 p.m.		
Tuesday, 9 .....	Camberwell, 161, Grove Lane .....	Drawing-room meeting, Miss Cameron. Hostess: Mrs. Ashenden ..	3 p.m.		
" " .....	Fulham, Munster Road .....	Miss Bonwick .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Kennington Theatre (outside) .....	Mrs. Keeling .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Norfolk Place, Edgware Road .....	Miss Myers .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Putney, Monserat Road .....	Princess Sophia Duleep Singh, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield. Chair: Sir Eustace Piers, Bart. .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Richmond, Castle Assembly Rooms ..	Members' Rally .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Streatham, 5, Shrubbery Road .....	Miss Seymour .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Sydenham, 96, Kirkdale .....	B. Pott, Esq., Mrs. Davies .....	8 p.m.		
Wednesday, 10 .....	Fulham, Shorholme Road .....	.....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Hamstead, Metropolitan Railway Station .....	.....	3.30 p.m.		
" " .....	Ilford, Barking Broadway .....	.....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Islington, Highbury Corner .....	Miss Jacobs; Chair: Miss Fricker ..	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Islington, Holloway Road (Jones Row) .....	Miss Hopkins; Chair: Miss Dorton	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Kilburn, 215, High Road .....	Mrs. Brailsford; Hostess: Mrs. Shewell-Cooper .....	3.30 p.m.		
" " .....	Marble Arch .....	Miss Meakin .....	7.30 p.m.		
" " .....	Mill Lane (Post Office) .....	Mrs. Leigh .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Paddington, 50, Prad Street, W. ....	Mrs. A. J. Webb .....	8.15 p.m.		
" " .....	Putney, Monserat Road .....	Miss Bonwick .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Putney, Monserat Rd. and Kentish Town Rd. ..	Miss Richard, Miss Nichols .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings ..	Pageant Costume Working Party ..	2.30 to 6 p.m.		
" " .....	Wimbledon, Compton Hall .....	Dr. F. A. Bather, F.R.S. .....	3 p.m.		
Thursday, 11 .....	905, Fulham Road, S.W. ....	Miss Vera Wentworth .....	3 p.m.		
" " .....	Hamstead Heath .....	Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B. ..	7.30 p.m.		
" " .....	Steynway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, Portman Square .....	Miss Conolan .....	8 p.m.		
Friday, 12 .....	Barnet, Market Place .....	Miss Robson .....	7.30 p.m.		
" " .....	Clapham, The Polygon .....	Miss Barwell. Chair: Miss Bell .....	7.30 p.m.		
" " .....	Clement's Inn, W.C. ....	Speakers' Class, Miss Rosa Leo .....	7.45 p.m.		
" " .....	Dulwich Library .....	Miss C. McGoyre .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Fulham, Munster Road .....	.....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Harrow Road, "Prince of Wales" (outside) .....	Miss Hicks .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Kilburn, Harvist Road .....	Miss Gilliat, Miss Jacobs .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Lewisham, Obelisk .....	Mrs. Bouvier and others .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Putney, Monserat Road .....	.....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Tufnell Park Tube, Boston .....	Miss Naylor, Miss Pearce .....	8 p.m.		
" " .....	Westminster, Greycoat Place .....	.....	12.30 p.m.		

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17, PROCESSION.

Form up Westminster Embankment at 4.30 p.m., Start 5.30 p.m., Demonstration, Albert Hall, 9.30 p.m.  
During May the Monday At Homes will be held in the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, the Queen's Hall not being available.



**DULWICH.**  
Organiser: Miss Markwick, 65, Grove Vale, East Dulwich.

A very successful meeting was held at Mrs. Westbrook's on April 27; several new members joined, and many of the audience, who had never been to a suffrage meeting before, were greatly interested. Miss Leonora Tyson was the speaker. Mr. Fred Hall has promised to vote for the Bill. Will members please come forward for canvassing, paper-selling, etc. They can also help by sending names of anti-friends to the organiser. A big meeting has been arranged for May 26, at the St. Barnabas Hall, 8 p.m., when Lady Isabel Margesson will speak, and Miss Gwendoline Logan will recite. It is hoped that members will do their utmost to dispose of tickets.

#### EALING.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road.  
Mrs. Fraser Forbes, 75, Argyle Road.

Last Tuesday week's Drawing-room meeting at the Lyric Restaurant was a brilliant success. Mrs. McKee and H. H. Pott, Esq. being the speakers. They were listened to with keen interest; Miss Barwell was in the chair. Madame Bury-Laurie delighted the audience with her rendering of "The Prologue," by Laurence Housman. The resolution was passed unanimously, and copies were sent to the Prime Minister and Herbert Field, Esq. Several new members were enrolled. Sunday's meeting on the Common drew a large and interested crowd; Miss Wolf was the speaker. Local speakers are urged to come forward and help at these meetings. Contributions will be gratefully received by the treasurer, Miss S. A. Turle, 87, Twyford Avenue, Acton, W.

#### FOREST GATE AND WEST HAM.

Office—137, Baker Road. Organiser—Miss Jeffcott.

The organiser can always be seen by appointment at the office. It is hoped that an active campaign will be carried on in the district, and that a large contingent will join in the Procession on June 17. Offers of drawing-rooms for meetings and of help with paper-selling, canvassing, etc., are earnestly requested. Several electors have promised to write to Mr. Masterman, M.P., asking him to support the Conciliation Bill.

#### FULHAM AND PUTNEY.

Shop—928, Fulham Road.

Hon. Secs.—Miss L. Cotten and Mrs. Roberts.

The second annual meeting was held on Friday last. During the year £208 17s. 6d. has been raised. This does not include Self-Denial Week results, all of which are not yet to hand. All the present officers and other members of committee were re-elected, and, in addition, Mrs. Furley-Smith was elected president, and Mrs. Oliver-Watts has kindly consented to become meetings' organiser pro tem. Open-air meetings were held on Thursday last at Montserrat Road, Putney; on Saturday at Shorliff's Road, Waltham Green; and on Sunday, Putney Heath meetings recommenced. The speaker on these occasions was Mrs. Oliver-Watts, the chair being taken by Mrs. Davies, Miss Cameron, and Miss Cotten respectively. A large number of outdoor meetings have already been arranged, and Mrs. Oliver-Watts earnestly appeals for stewards, shop-minders, chairs, and subscriptions towards expenses. Will members advertise the indoor meetings on Thursday afternoon (see programme) as widely as possible? Night members spent Census week-end at Brighton, and Miss Turner, their hostess, has now most kindly returned £1 12s. 6d. (contributed by them towards possible fines), as a donation. Will any non-members, willing to take part in the Procession, please send name, address, and height to secretary. Deputations have waited on both M.P.s this week.

#### GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss R. M. Billingham.  
7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E.

A most successful meeting was held at Woolwich on Saturday last, when Miss Cox made an admirable speech on the Bill, and Miss C. D. Townsend kept the large audience interested for over an hour. Four and a half dozen papers were sold. Thanks to all who helped. Members and friends who wish to join the Procession on June 17 should send in their names at once to Miss Billingham. Helpers should attend in force at Woolwich (Town Hall), on May 13, when Miss Nayler has kindly promised to speak. Jumble articles will be welcome.

#### HACKNEY.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. F. W. Jones, 35, Pembury Road.

The members met as usual on Friday Evening, at the Secretary's house. Mrs. Ives, "Votes" secretary, reported that she had been successful in getting a weekly poster shown at Craven Park, Stamford Hill, and Mrs. Blanche Holmes another in Clapton Park. Mrs. Bristow, a new member, obtained two new subscribers through a local bookseller, and Miss Cole is responsible for the placing of Votes for Women on the Hackney Free Library table.

#### HAMMERSMITH.

Shop and Office—100, Hammersmith Road.

Organising Sec.—Mrs. E. L. Butler.

Members are asked to attend the Tuesday evening meetings regularly until the Procession, as there is much to be arranged and discussed. Jumble Sale parcels are now being received; all contributions should be sent to the secretary. Will someone kindly volunteer to sell the paper at the Broadway, Hammersmith, on Thursday and Saturday afternoons and evenings. Attention must now be concentrated on getting local members and friends to walk in the Procession; the secretary will be glad of any offers of help.

#### HAMPSTEAD.

Shop—30, Heath Street. Office—154, Finchley Road.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Hicks and Miss C. Collier.

Mrs. Hyton Dale's interesting lecture on "Municipal Lodging Houses for Women," at the Town Hall, made those present realise how much reform is needed in this direction. Mrs. Saul Solomon's At Home was a great success; the audience listened with much pleasure to Lady Constance Lytton's speech and Miss Deila Moore's recitation. Everyone is looking forward to meeting Miss Vida Goldstein and the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield at the Conservatoire tomorrow, Saturday. Miss M. Rowlett has very kindly taken over the management of the open-air meetings during the absence of Miss Spence. She is arranging a demonstration on the Heath for Saturday, June 10, to advertise the Grand Procession on June 17, and asks for the names of those willing to help. Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett made one of her brilliant speeches on the Heath, on Sunday last, and delighted her hearers. The committee hope to move shortly into a larger and more convenient shop in Finchley Road, further particulars will be given later. Miss Vera Wentworth is organising the Hampstead contingent for June 17. Those wishing to join should please apply to her. The sale of Votes for Women has taken a leap forward, but still more sellers are needed.

#### ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Hazlam, 55, Cranbrook Road.

Miss Nayler was the speaker at Balfour Road on Saturday last and Miss Vera Wentworth at Grosvenor Road. Both meetings were well attended and deep interest was taken in their speeches. Members must make a point of being present at to-morrow's (Saturday's) meeting, as there is important business to be discussed. Albert Hall tickets, upper orchestra, 6d. Please make application early.

#### ISLINGTON.

Office—257, Goswell Road, E.C. Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Caserley.

Will all members do their best to make the meeting on June 8 a great success? It will mean real hard work, for the Hall holds about 700 people, and it must be filled. Help is needed for chaffing, bill-distributing, and poster-prices, besides paper-selling at open-air meetings. Will all who can give a little time please communicate with the secretary, or call at the office on Wednesday or Friday evening?

#### KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—115, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel. 3115 Western. Joint Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Bates and Miss Evelyn Sharp.

A successful drawing-room meeting was given last Friday by Mrs. King-Hall, when Miss Brackenbury, Dr. Flora Murray and the Rev. H. Houslow made excellent speeches to a large audience, and a collection of 30s. was taken. Three new members joined last week. The paper sales naturally fell slightly, owing to Easter holidays. Will sellers make a special effort to make up the deficit this week. The Kensington News continues to publish Suffrage news and to hold out hope that the deputation of ratifying Suffragists will be received at the next meeting of the Borough Council on Tuesday, May 9. It is suggested that as many men and women ratepayers as possible should attend the meeting as spectators (Town Hall, 8 p.m.) in order to show their interest and approval. Last week's paper was sent to the Mayor and every Borough Councillor. Dr. L. Garrett Anderson has very kindly presented 30 packets of Conciliation Bill postcards and several dozen pamphlets to the shop. Warm thanks to Miss Burdett for much typewriting work done at short notice. Wanted, offers of drawing-rooms meetings and press cuttings relating to Suffrage, the latter to be posted on the press-cutting board in the shop window which attracts large numbers of readers daily.

#### LEWISHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier, 22, Mount Pleasant Road. Shop hours, 2 to 8 p.m. Thurs., 10.30—12.30 p.m. Shop and Office—107, High Street, Lewisham.

Members and friends will be glad to learn that Votes for Women has been accepted by the Public Libraries Committee for the six libraries in the Borough of Lewisham. A large crowd listened to Mrs. Bouvier at the Catford Tram Terminus on Friday, and Votes for Women found a ready sale. By special request Mrs. Bouvier will speak on prison experiences and the meaning of the hunger strike at the Clarion Club, on Sunday next. Thanks to Miss Brown for artistically dressing the shop-window in the colours of the Union. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Glazier, 8d.; Mrs. Shipman, 6d.; Miss Oley, 6d.; and a jumble sale parcel. More parcels will be welcomed. Members are urged to attend the open-air meetings to support the speakers and to sell the paper.

#### N.W. LONDON.

Office—515, High Road, Kilburn, Tel. 1153, Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell.

The complete unanimity of the Urban District Council on the resolution asking for facilities for the Conciliation Bill was very encouraging and shows the great progress of the cause in this district. It is no small triumph to have secured the support of thirty-five Councillors without a single dissident. Heartily thanks to Mrs. Emmens, Mrs. Kelley, Madame Myers, Mrs. Petre, Mrs. Snowman and others who so energetically assisted in bringing about this result. So many responded to the invitation to attend the debate that the Public Gallery was quite unable to accommodate them and many had to be refused admittance. The first of the series of weekly meetings on Wednesday was a great success. The room was well filled and the audience, which included several strangers, greatly appreciated Miss Freeman's most interesting address on "Prison Life in Germany and England," which was followed by a very pleasant and animated discussion during tea. On May 10, Mrs. Brailford will speak on "The Meaning of Rebellion." It is hoped members will bring as many friends as possible, particularly the unconverted. The lending library is a great success and contributions of books will be greatly welcomed, also articles for the jumble sale. Will members and friends call at the office for particulars as to local arrangements for the Procession.

#### NORTH ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Constance Bryer, 49, Tufnell Pk., N.

Miss Bonwick again had a good meeting at the Boston on Friday last. Miss Hopkins spoke at Stroud Green Road on Saturday. Will all these members and sympathisers who wish to join the local contingent of the Procession on June 17 kindly send in their names at once to the secretary? The open-air meetings every Friday and Saturday are now in full swing and the Sunday afternoon meetings in Finsbury Park are about to begin.

#### PADDINGTON AND MARYLEBONE.

Shop and Office—35, Prad Street, W.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Haverfield.

The organisers hope all members and friends who wish to walk with the Paddington and Marylebone Contingent on June 17 to kindly send their names to her also approximate number of people they can bring with them. All are welcome. Conciliation Bill leaflets are being sent to all Councillors and Aldermen in this district. As many as possible are being canvassed. Miss Nina Boyle's address was greatly enjoyed by all members and friends last Wednesday.

#### RADLETT.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. White, Gravelly.

On April 26 a deputation was received by Mr. E. Hill and Mrs. M. V. who promised to vote for a second reading of the Bill on May 5, and urged the importance of bringing pressure to bear upon Liberal Members as to further facilities. The outdoor meeting at Watford, on Saturday afternoon, was very successful, thanks to an admirable and energetic speech by Miss Hicks. Mrs. Outram effectively took the chair at a moment's notice. There was a good gathering of men, and a number of Votes for Women were sold.

#### RICHMOND AND KEW.

Hon. Secs.—Miss E. Casey, 25, West Park Road, New; Miss V. Slade, 4, Pagoda Avenue, Richmond.

Miss Gilliat spoke splendidly at the Fire station meeting on Saturday, April 22. Miss Bolting in the chair. Last Saturday night's meeting was also most successful. Miss Richard being loudly applauded at the close of her most logical speech. Miss Redshaw made a most efficient chairman. Members and friends are reminded of the big meeting at the Castle Assembly Rooms, Richmond, on May 9, at which the speakers will be the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, and Princess Sophia Duleep Singh; Sir Buscote Piers, Bart., in the chair. Mr. Frank Wily and Miss Dorothy Stone have kindly consented to sing. Members intending to walk in the Procession on June 17 are asked to send in their names to Miss Vera Slade as soon as possible.

#### STREATHAM.

Shop and Office: 5, Shrubbery Road, Streatham.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson.

Many thanks to all who sent Jumble Sale parcels. Financial results will be announced next week. All members of the Wandsworth Borough Council, resident in Streatham and district have been canvassed during the week, with respect to a resolution asking for further facilities for the Conciliation Bill. Special recognition is due to the untiring work of Miss Young, Miss Haverfield, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Debenham, Mrs. Tyson and others, who have reported very favourably. As constant enquiries for home-made cakes are received, and several members are willing to place regular weekly orders, a special appeal is made for volunteers who will undertake the corresponding regular supply. Will every local member who undertakes special duties in connection with the Procession please make it a point of honour to supply a suitable bottle to walk under the Streatham banner. Miss Forster is thanked for sending flowers for the shop from Kent. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Peacock (Census list saved), 5s.; Miss C. O'Brien, 2s. 6d.; Miss D. Tucker, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Bentley-McLeod, 2l. 1s.; Miss Fraser, 2s.; Mrs. Prosser, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Tyson, 1s. Members are reminded of next Tuesday's meeting (see programme).

#### SYDENHAM.

Shop and Office—25, Kilmada, Organiser: Miss Miller.

Many thanks to Miss Bank for her practical assistance in the shop last week. Will members please

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note Lady Isabel Margesson is speaking at Park Hall on Tuesday, May 23. Help is wanted in connection with this meeting, and also to prepare for the sale which will be held a few days later. All are asked to join in making this a huge success, financially and socially. Mrs. Streetfield has kindly renewed her offer of taking a Speakers' Class, it will be held for an hour once a week. Will any caring to join call at the shop and get further particulars. Miss Shackleton, Miss Clark, and Miss Franks are welcomed as new shop members.

#### WALTHAMSTOW.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. David Milne, Claremont House, 45, Second Avenue, Walthamstow.

A splendid open-air meeting was held last Saturday, when Mr. Ryan and Miss N. Martin were the speakers. The crowd were intensely interested. More help is needed in connection with the At Home, on Saturday, May 13, when Mrs. Brailford will speak. Will all who intend to walk in the Procession on Saturday, June 17, kindly send in their names immediately.

#### WIMBLEDON.

Shop—9, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon.

Tel. 1073, P.O. Wimbledon.

Hon. Organising Sec.—Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Merton, Surrey.

Grateful thanks to those members who responded to the call for volunteers for shop-stewarding last week during the illness of Mrs. Begbie. A rousing meeting on the Common on Sunday was addressed by Miss Daisy Gibbs and Dr. F. A. Bather, with Mrs. Huggart as chairman. The Wednesday afternoon meetings at the Compton Hall start on May 10. Handbills will be ready in a day or two, and volunteers for distributing them and for sandwiching are wanted.

## Home Counties.

#### BEDFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Billingham, 45, Tavistock Street.

Members are asked to make an effort to be present at to-night's meeting (see below). The names of those who have any old clothes or household goods to send for Jumble Sale will be gratefully received by the sec. Will any members or friends who wish to join the Bedford contingent to London on June 17 kindly communicate as soon as possible with the hon. sec. so that arrangements can be made for excursion tickets. Friday, May 5.—Working Men's Institute, Members' Meeting, 8 p.m. Friday, May 12.—Miss G. Brackenbury, 8 p.m.

#### BOURNEMOUTH.

Office—51, Old Christchurch Road.

Hon. Sec.—Miss M. Blackledge.

An open-air campaign was started on Easter Thursday at Wexham (it being market day and cattle fair). A very good meeting was held at the Corn Exchange. Misses Priddon, Howes and Hoffmann were the speakers. Much interest was aroused among the audience, which was composed mainly of people of the farming class. Nearly 50 copies of Votes for Women were sold. During the summer it is intended to visit all the market towns of the neighbourhood. More speakers are needed.

#### BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—3, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 4833 Hal.

Organiser—Miss G. Allen.

Thanks to Mrs. Violet Jones' help, the open-air meetings this week have been most successful. Men who belong to the Franchise League have come forward after some of these meetings to ask what they could do to help. The organiser is much obliged to the members who have made it possible for her to send copies of this week's Votes for Women to the mayors and aldermen of Brighton and Hove. It is very important that members wishing to go to London on June 17 should send in their names as soon as possible in arrangements have to be made with the railway company.

#### CANTERBURY AND SOUTH KENT.

Organiser—Miss F. E. Macaulay, County Hotel, Canterbury.

Miss Durham's drawing-room meeting at Hatfield, near Tunbridge Wells, at which Miss Joachim and Miss Brackenbury spoke, was a very great success, nearly £3 being given at that and a meeting in the village schoolroom on the following day. Excellent Press reports were obtained, intense interest in the subject was aroused by the speakers, and many promises of help received. The campaign in Tunbridge Wells and the neighbourhood begins next Monday. At a very interesting meeting in the County Hotel, Canterbury, a hearty vote of thanks was awarded to the Mayor and Councillor Stone for their support of the Women's Resolution. Mrs. Glanville has kindly consented to undertake the work of Literary Secretary in place of Miss Agnes Horsley who is away from Canterbury at present. Mrs. Horsley's appeal for helpers in a proposed campaign among the neighbouring villages met with a ready response. Miss Florence Cobb from Brighton also addressed the meeting. The sale of Votes for Women is making splendid progress at Folkestone under the care of the Folkestone Local Secretary, Miss Nichol, Salisbury House, The Leas, who has received valuable help from Mrs. Tite and Mademoiselle de Montaigne. Miss Lewis and Miss Cheffins, Dunedin, Hythe, the local secretaries for that place, are building up a capital regular circulation of the paper there, as is Mrs. Hay at Dover.

#### MAIDSTONE, NORTH KENT, AND ISLE OF THANET.

Organiser—Miss Laura Ainsworth, 21 Oxford Street, Margate.

Will all Chatham and Gillingham members please note the Jumble Sale to-morrow, and offer their services in selling, &c. Members must now concentrate their energies on the open-air meetings and also when possible organise garden meetings. Will Margate members offer help in getting up the meeting on May 25. This must be a great success. The organiser has tickets for the June 17 Demonstration, and will be glad to hear of all who contemplate taking part, as arrangements must be made early for excursion. Subscriptions for Poster Fund will be gladly received. Many thanks to those who worked so hard during the organiser's absence at Cheltenham by-election. Friday, May 5.—Gravesend, Clock Tower, 7.30 p.m. Saturday, May 6.—Chatham, Adult School, Ordnance Street, 2—6 p.m. Tuesday, May 9.—Chatham, Women's Adult School, 7.30 p.m.

#### OXFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. E. F. Richards, 255, Woodstock Road.

The Church League for Women Suffrage has arranged for a day of intercession to-day, Friday. The Church of St. Peter's-in-the-East, Queens Lane, will be open from 9.30 to 6 for private prayer, and there will be a special service with address at 5.30 p.m. All W.S.F.U. members are urged to attend this service.

#### PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.

Organiser: Miss G. E. L. Marsh, 4, Pelham Road, Portsmouth, and 61, Oxford Street, Southampton.

Members are urged to apply to the organiser for Albert Hall tickets (prices 2s. 6d. and 6d.) as once; also to persuade sympathisers to join the local contingents in the Procession (June 17). It is hoped that cheap railway tickets will be arranged. Will members attend open-air meetings (see below) and push the sale of Votes for Women at every opportunity? If a deputation should be necessary, Portsmouth and Southampton must not be behind other towns in sending volunteers. Miss Marsh hopes to receive names for the deputation without delay. Tuesday, May 9.—Southampton, Clock Tower, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10.—Southampton, Kingsland Square, 8.30 p.m. Thursday, May 11.—Portsmouth, Town Hall Square, 8 p.m.



## HAYLEIGH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Warren, R.A., The White Cottage.  
A series of fortnightly evening At Homes have been started. The first took place at the White Cottage on Monday last. Names of those desirous of joining the great Procession in London on June 17 should be sent to the hon. sec. and those requiring tickets for the Albert Hall meeting should apply for them at once. Balcony and Upper Orchestra 6d.

## READING AND NEWBURY.

Shop and Office: 25, Market Place.  
Organiser—Miss Stella Fife.  
A most successful day was spent at Wallingford last Friday. Out-door meetings in the afternoon and evening were addressed by Miss Daikes, Mr. Kenneth Scott, M.P.U., Mrs. Guy in the chair. It was market day in Wallingford and all the chief farmers and business men of the district were in the Market Place and much sympathy was shown for the cause. The Mayor most kindly stopped the steam roller which was drenching the speeches at one time. Grateful thanks to Miss Leitch for the use of her motor for the whole day. Goring-on-Thames will be visited to-morrow (Saturday). Every member wishing to attend the Albert Hall on June 17, should apply for tickets at once. Please remember the Jumble Sale.  
Saturday, May 6.—Goring-on-Thames, High Street, Miss Gwen Richards, 7 p.m.

## REDHILL.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Richmond, Fingates House.  
The Carlton Room meeting, on April 28, when the Rev. Claude Hinchelliff and Miss Turquand spoke on "The Church's Debt to Woman," was a great success. Lieutenant Cather took the chair. Mr. Hinchelliff had spoken previously at a drawing-room meeting, by kind invitation of Mrs. Cather. Mr. Victor Duval addressed a crowded street meeting at the corner of Ladbroke Road, on Saturday, April 29, at which Miss Richmond presided. At the conclusion of this meeting a large number of Conciliation Bill postcards were distributed among the audience by a local M.P.U. member.  
Saturday, May 6.—Corner of Ladbroke Road, Miss Daisy Gibbs, 8 p.m.

## SITTINGBOURNE.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Robinson, 44, N'gh Street.  
A local branch has recently been started here, and on Thursday last Mrs. Robinson read a paper at Wesley Guild on VOTES FOR WOMEN. The audience seemed most interested, and after the meeting twenty-three copies of the paper were sold.

## The Midlands.

## BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—97, John Bright Street. Tel. 1445 Midland.  
Organisers—Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Gladys Hazel.

Members and friends wishing to join the party going to London on June 17 are asked to send in their names early. Seats may be had in the Birmingham Boxes at Albert Hall. Tickets (2s.) are on sale at the office. If seats in other parts of the Hall are needed please communicate with the organisers. Many thanks to those members who have volunteered to subscribe 25s. to help to cover last year's deficit on this branch. Other subscriptions are needed to make up the 20 conditions under which Mrs. Parker made her offer. The Suffrage Teas are proving exceedingly effective in interesting people in the movement.  
Monday, May 8.—Suffrage Tea, Miss Dorothy Evans. Hostess: Mrs. Durant, 3.30 p.m.

## COVENTRY.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Dawson, St. Peter's Vicarage.  
The City Council have passed the resolution calling on Parliament to grant facilities for the Bill to pass into law. The committee are looking out for likely premises to open a small office or shop, where indoor meetings could be held. A member has offered to discontinue and paint the room in the colours; promises of tables and chairs have also been received. It is important that room should be acquired before the Convention in order to make an effective display. Members are reminded that the new secretary is Miss Dawson, 20, Northumberland Road, and the president, Miss Richmond, 79, Holyhead Road?

## LEICESTERSHIRE.

Office—11, Bowling Green Street, Leicester.  
Tel. 1718 Leicester.  
Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pethick.

Albert Hall tickets are selling rapidly. A few 2s. 6d., and 3d. remain. Members are warned to secure seats at once. The Banner is now well under way. Weekly sewing parties are held every Friday. As the number of those who can work at once on the Banner is limited, further opportunity will be provided on Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 21, New Walk. Those intending to join should send a post-card to the organiser beforehand. Next Thursday it is hoped many Leicester friends will give a big welcome to Miss Brackenbury, who has promised to speak in Market Harborough and Leicester. The following week Miss Mahol Atkinson has very kindly consented to give a lecture on the "Real Cause of Infant Mortality."

Friday, May 5.—Oxford House, Banner Sewing meeting, 8 to 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 9.—Milton Tura, open-air meeting, 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 10.—Leicester, Drawing-room meeting.  
Thursday, May 11.—Leicester, Temperance Hall, Room No. 5 and 4, Miss G. Brackenbury, 8 p.m.  
Friday, May 12.—68, Laurel Road, Banner Sewing meeting, 3 to 6 p.m. Meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

## MARKET HARBOUROUGH.

Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pethick.  
Hon. Sec.—Miss K. Jerwood, Little Bowden Rectory.  
Miss G. Brackenbury will speak in the Co-operative Hall on Wednesday next (see below) on "The Present Political Situation." Mrs. Pemberton Peake has kindly consented to take the chair. Admission is free.  
Wednesday, May 10.—Co-operative Hall. Speakers: Miss G. Brackenbury, Miss D. Pethick. Chair, Mrs. Pemberton Peake, 8 p.m.

## NOTTINGHAM.

Office—5, Carlton Street. Tel. 4311.  
Hon. Sec.—Miss C. M. Burgess, R.A., Miss Wallis.  
Those who have not yet sent in the money for tickets and programmes sold for the Pageant are asked to do so at once. Local members will be delighted to welcome back Miss Crocker and Miss Roberts after the rest which they both so much needed. The general feeling among the members is that a new Banner is needed for the Nottingham contingent on the great procession on June 17. Will some one volunteer to design it? and will others volunteer to do the work of carrying out the design?

## WEST BROMWICH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Brockhouse, Lawnsdale, Hill Top.  
Sympathisers in this district are reminded that a meeting will be held in the Free Library Lecture Hall on Thursday, May 18, at 8 p.m. Mr. Henry Brockhouse will preside, and Miss Dorothy Evans will speak. The meeting will close with a play produced by the Birmingham W.S.F.U. Dramatic Club, entitled "The Apple." Admission is free, but some reserved seats may be had, price 1s. and 6d. Will all members and friends help to spread the news and to sell tickets? These may be obtained from Mrs. Brockhouse, or from the Birmingham office, 97, John Bright Street.

## West of England.

## BATH.

Shop—11, Walcot Street, Bath.  
Hon. Organiser—Mrs. Mansel.  
Weekly meetings were resumed after the Easter holidays on Saturday, April 29, when Miss Brackenbury spoke. Several new members were enrolled. Miss Brackenbury also held an open-air meeting at the Sawcote in the evening, and had an attentive audience. Upwards of 150 letters have been sent to men sympathisers, asking them to write to the members for their constituencies, to urge them to support the Bill. Mrs. Cave and Mrs. Sydney Wilkins have each found a new subscriber to the paper.  
Saturday, May 6.—Assembly Rooms, Miss Clarence, Mrs. Mansel, 3.30 p.m.  
Saturday, May 13.—Assembly Rooms, Mrs. Mansel, 3.30 p.m.

## BRISTOL.

Office—27, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel. 1245.  
Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.  
Members all over the West of England have worked very hard in writing to and interviewing members of Parliament. Members must now turn their attention to the great demonstration on June 17. Arrangements are being made with the railway companies to run a day excursion, starting from Weston-super-Mare, and calling at Bristol, Bath, Chippenham and Swindon. Will members and sympathisers in these places please send in their names to the organiser at once, in order that some idea of numbers may be obtained? Arrangements are also being made for an excursion for the Devonshire people. Will members from Cornwall, Plymouth, and other places near please write to the secretary at Torquay, or to the secretary for Exeter? Every one must join in this wonderful procession, and induce all their friends to join also. A good number of tickets at 2s. 6d. and 6d. have been secured. Will local secretaries please let Miss Kenney know at once how many tickets they would like for their district? This should be done now. Then names are wanted for the deputation if the Government refuse facilities. Each member should feel it her duty to send in her name to Miss Fankhurst at once. The organiser makes a strong appeal for financial help. Over £20 is wanted. Will members and sympathisers please respond by generous subscriptions? More old things for Jumble Sale are wanted; also paper-sellers and volunteers for sandwich parades.  
Monday, May 8.—Victoria Rooms, Miss Rachel Barrett, 3.30 p.m.

## DUDLEY.

Organiser—Miss Gladys Hazel (care of Miss Muslin, The Post Office, Dixon's Green).

The organisers will be glad if sympathisers in the neighbourhood who can spare time will volunteer to help in advertising the meeting for next Tuesday (see below). Canvassers are urgently needed, also volunteers for stewarding. Tickets, price 1s. and 6d., can be obtained at above address.

Monday, May 8.—Market Place, Miss Gladys Hazel, 8 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 9.—St. Thomas Schools, a play, "How Cranford became Militant, and Boycotted the Census." Miss Hilda Burkill, Miss Dorothy Evans, 8 p.m.

## EXETER.

Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Montague, Pantons, Crediton.  
On Saturday, April 29, a deputation of members was received by Mr. H. H. Duke, K.C., member for Exeter. Mr. Duke undertook not to oppose the Conciliation Bill. Members are asked to remember that no time must be lost in making arrangements to be in the great Procession on June 17.

ILFRACOMBE AND BARNSTAPLE.  
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Mrs. du Boulay Newby, St. Mary's, Broad Park Avenue, Ilfracombe.  
Hon. Lit. Secretary—Miss Ball, Nursing Home, Larkstone, Ilfracombe.  
Numbers of letters have been written by members and their friends to Mr. Asquith, Mr. Balfour, and Mr. Lloyd George; also to both local candidates, urging their support for the Bill. Letters have also been taken round for the undersigned and working people to sign, many of whom are in favour of Women's Suffrage. Sir G. Harding (Liberal) and Mr. Parker (Unionist) have been interviewed. Both are in favour of Votes for Women, and have promised their support.

## WEST WILTS.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Dove-Willock, 26, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, and Miss B. Gamble, Springfield, Hilberton Road, Trowbridge.  
Miss B. Gamble has kindly consented to become joint hon. sec. with Mrs. Dove-Willock. The meeting at the George Hotel was an undoubted success. Lady Isabel Margeson, in an eloquent speech, dealt with the need of the vote for the mothers and children of the future. Several new members were made. Volunteers are wanted for the deputation should one be necessary. Members and sympathisers wishing to join in the procession on June 17 are asked to send in their names as soon as possible. There will be an excursion from Bristol, and members and friends from West Wilts will be able to join the train at Chippenham. Thanks to Mrs. Williams for the meeting at the George, to Mrs. Williams and Miss Lansdown, and to all those members and friends who helped so splendidly during the past week.

## Eastern Counties.

## GLACTON-ON-SEA.

Shop—47, Rosemary Road.  
Hon. Sec.—Miss Lilley, Holland House.  
Much pleasure was felt among members and sympathisers at the very courteous way the Glaceton District Council passed unanimously a resolution in favour of the Conciliation Bill. Though there was an unusual amount of business for them to settle, the standing orders of the meeting were suspended until matters were fully discussed and the above-mentioned resolution passed. It is proposed to hold a series of small At Homes on the same lines as the very successful one so kindly given by Mrs. Sykes last Wednesday. Mrs. Tighe has kindly volunteered for the next. Will members and friends intending to walk in the procession on June 17 kindly give in their names as soon as possible?

## IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Shop—4a, Prince's Street, Ipswich.  
Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, 19, Silcock Street, Ipswich.  
Shop Sec.—Miss King.

Only a few days remain before the matinee at the Lyceum Theatre, Ipswich, takes place, and help of every kind is urgently needed. Miss King is undertaking the arrangements for tea at the theatre, and will be glad if members and friends will let her know as early as possible what they are able to provide. Goods as well as cakes will be most welcome. Goods should be addressed to Miss King, at the Shop, and sent so as to arrive not later than Tuesday, May 9. Members who have tickets on sale or return are reminded that unsold tickets should be returned to Miss King not later than May 7. The theatre is a difficult one for stewarding, and therefore the organiser hopes that stewards will make a point of attending the rehearsal (see below). More volunteers will be welcomed. Everyone immensely enjoyed the speeches made by Miss Vida Goldstein, Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., and the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield at Felixstowe last week; the Rev. Dr. Cobb presided. Felixstowe members are to be heartily congratulated on the success of their first meeting. The collection amounted to over £3. VOTES FOR WOMEN and other literature having a splendid sale. Many thanks to Mrs. Mansel for arranging an At Home at Earl's Court, near Paddington. Miss Leonora Tyson was the speaker. Special thanks to Miss M.

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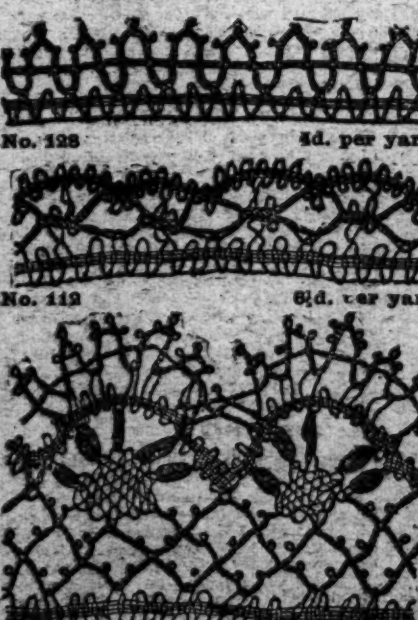
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Murrell, whose excellent cakes, decorated in the colours, were greatly appreciated, several being sold after the meeting.

Tuesday, May 9.—Lyceum Theatre, Stewards' Reception, 11.30 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 10.—Lyceum Theatre, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. Plays, "An Apple" and "An Englishwoman's Home," presented by the A.F.L., 3 p.m.

### North-Eastern Counties.

#### HULL.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Harrison, 14, Welbeck Street.  
Members and sympathisers please note that Miss Adela Pankhurst and Miss Key-Jones will visit Hull on May 17, to arrange a scheme of organisation for Hull and the district. Details will be announced later. It is hoped that all members will make a point of being present and bringing sympathisers to the meeting.

#### LEEDS.

Organiser: Miss Mary Phillips, 65, Great George Street.

The organiser expects to take a good party of members with her to London on June 17. The railway companies promise cheap excursions, and members who wish for seats in the Leeds boxes in the Albert Hall are asked to let the organiser know at once. She will also be very glad to hear from all who can give drawing-room meetings, or help in any way. Financial help is specially asked for. Plans of campaign for the immediate future will be announced shortly. Will any members, who have removed, or who have recently joined, please inform Miss Phillips of the fact, in order that no one may be missed, and that she may get in touch with all as soon as possible.

#### NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.  
Organiser—Miss A. Williams.

The Jarrow "Social" was an unqualified success, and Mrs. Crow and her band of willing helpers are to be heartily congratulated on the results. The large Co-operative Hall was none too large for the 200 guests. Many men sympathisers were present. Miss Mabel Atkinson's speech was much appreciated, as were also the songs sung by Mrs. Aubrey, Miss Williamson and Mr. Patterson, and Miss Clarke's recitation. Mrs. Taylor's name was greeted with hearty applause, and there was very sincere regret at her enforced absence. Miss Mabel Atkinson's lectures on Wednesday afternoon and evening were most interesting. Will members make a note of Miss Barbara Wylie's coming on May 10, and do their best to ensure her a good audience. The Town Councils of Newcastle and Jarrow have been asked to pass the Conciliation Bill Resolution. Will those who intend going to London on June 17 send their names to the organiser as soon as possible. A successful meeting for teachers was held at 77, Blackett Street, on Friday. Thanks to Miss Lettice Floyd for £10.

#### SCARBOROUGH.

Shop: 30, Huntriss Row.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Saffell, 13, New Queen Street.  
Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Macdonald, 7, The Valley.  
Miss Bremner spoke at the usual Wednesday evening at the shop on the progress of Women in Education. If members will send in their names for the Procession on June 17, it may be possible to get cheap railway fares. Please note that the Albert Hall seats for that date are nearly all booked, so apply early.  
Wednesday, May 10.—Meeting, Suffrage Shop, 8 p.m.

#### YORK.

Office—8, New Street. Organiser—Miss Key-Jones.  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coulton, 33, Melbourne Street.  
Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting was a great success, and has been the means of drawing many more people into the movement. Bouquets—subscribed for by the

members—were presented to Mrs. Pankhurst by Barbara and Derrick Holmes, the two dear little grandchildren of the hon. sec., and to Miss Adela Pankhurst by Marjorie Stubbs—instead of her little sister, Dorothy Stubbs, who was to have given it, whose loss is still felt so keenly. The chair was taken by Mr. E. P. Holmes. Will members kindly send in their names at once for the Procession on June 17, otherwise it will be impossible to get seats in the Albert Hall. Jumble Sale is postponed until May 13. All jumbles to be sent to the office by May 9.

### North-Western Counties.

#### BIRKENHEAD.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. E. Abraham, 2, Kingsmead Road, 8.

A successful open-air meeting was held on Saturday evening, April 29, in the Haymarket. Miss Davies, Miss Woodcock and Dr. Ker spoke, much interest was aroused and the stock of papers sold out. Will members who wish to join in the Procession on June 17 please communicate with Miss Davies as soon as possible?

#### BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Mrs. Margaret E. Farrington, 118, Dorset Street, Haugh, Bolton.

Miss Hughes paid a visit to Bolton on Saturday, April 29, with the object of arousing more active interest among local members. The meeting was called at short notice at the request of Mrs. Drummond, and was held at Talbot's Restaurant. Miss Hughes gave an interesting address and officers were appointed as follows:—Mrs. F. W. Coope, treasurer; Mrs. Margaret E. Farrington, secretary; Miss Holden, speakers' secretary. Literature and Votes for Women secretaries were also appointed, subject to the acceptance of the ladies selected. It is intended to hold meetings at short intervals.

#### HALE, ALTRINCHAM, AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Wild, 54, Lock Road, Altrincham.

By kind permission of Mrs. Humphreys, Ingarsby, Warwick Road, Hale, a meeting was held on April 29th to form a local union. After the business had been disposed of, Miss Alice Hughes gave a short address, and Mrs. Yates gave a most interesting account of her experience on the last deputation. Both addresses were much appreciated as some of those present had never been to a suffrage meeting before, and were glad to get an account of militant methods. Arrangements were made to hold a public meeting on May 11th, when it is hoped to make the Union better known in this district, and to work up a strong local branch.

### LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—11, Renshaw Street. Tel. 3781 Royal.  
Organiser—Miss Davies.

All arrangements are being made for the London Demonstration on June 17, and it would be well for members to send in their names to the organisers. The open-air meeting in Birkenhead last Saturday drew a large and attentive crowd to listen to Dr. Alice Ker and Miss Patricia Woodcock. The subject of lecture and discussion this (Friday) evening is "Woman and Labour." Mrs. Hall is arranging a series of 4 meetings to cover the whole history of the Woman's Movement in England; the first on May 10.  
Friday, May 5.—Liverpool, 11, Renshaw Street, the Rev. H. D. Roberts, 8 p.m.

### MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Central Office—17, St. Ann's Square, Manchester. Tel.: 1910 Central. Organiser—Miss Stephenson.

At last Friday's At Home the "General" gave a rousing speech and urged every member to concentrate on getting the Bill passed this Session. Miss Violet Hughes gave a brief outline of the work which it is hoped to carry on in Lancashire during the coming months. Local Unions are being formed in most of the Lancashire towns, and all interested are asked to communicate with Miss Hughes at the office. As the tickets for the Manchester boxes at the Albert Hall are going rapidly members should make application at once. Those requiring seats in other parts of the hall should write immediately. It is proposed to hold a Jumble Sale towards the end of May. Will friends spring-cleaning kindly save clothes, furniture, &c.

Friday, May 5.—17, St. Ann's Square, At Home, Miss S. J. Stephenson, Miss V. Hughes, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9.—17, St. Ann's Square, At Home, 3 to 5 p.m.

Friday, May 12.—17, St. Ann's Square, At Home, Miss S. J. Stephenson, Miss Hughes, 7.30 p.m.

### PRESTON, ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA AND DISTRICT.

Organisers—Mrs. Rigby, 41, Glover's Court, Preston  
Miss Johnson, the Hydro, Lytham.

The secretary will be glad to receive notice of any Jumble Sale contributions which should be called for. Gifts are earnestly asked for, and proceeds will go to clear off debt upon the office. The meeting, so brilliantly addressed by Miss Horniman, on Friday, April 28, was an astonishing success. Eight hundred people voted unanimously for the resolution in favour of the Conciliation Bill. Lady Stout's absence was regretted. Thanks to the friends who did their best to fill her place—Mr. Councillor E. Sandham of Chorley,

who acted as chairman, Mr. Henry Austin, for his amazing dramatic recitals, and to Mr. George Howarth for his impromptu speech.  
Wednesday, May 10.—Office, Members' Meeting, 8 p.m.  
Friday, May 12.—Office, Jumble Sale, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, May 13.—Office, Jumble Sale, 1 p.m.

### ROCHDALE.

Office—2a, Bailie Street. Hon. Litt. Sec.: Mrs. M. Stott, 10, Mayfair Gardens, Rochdale.

On Thursday last a members' meeting was held at which Mrs. Drummond and Miss V. Hughes spoke. There was a good attendance of members and it was decided to open an outdoor campaign on Sunday, April 29. Miss Hughes was the speaker; Miss Shepherd in the chair. Mrs. Drummond spoke very inspiringly to the members, who hope to work up a good local union.

### SOUTHPORT.

Office—1, Post Office Avenue, Lord Street.  
Hon. Sec.—Ethel Ashby.

Will members please note that monthly subscriptions are now due?

Saturday, May 6.—Shore Meeting; speakers: Mrs. Mahood and Miss Corwen.

### WALLASEY.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Mahood, Bursough Bridge, Lancs; Mrs. F. Heathcote, 21, Martins Lane, Liscard.

A most interesting debate on "Militancy from the Standpoint of Men's Struggle for the Vote in the Past," was held at 1, Mainwaring Road on Monday last. The room was well filled as usual. Mrs. Abraham kindly came from Birkenhead to open the debate and many good speeches were made. Next week's subject will be "The Second Reading Debate in the House of Commons." All are urged to study the press reports and to prepare short speeches or readings. These debates are proving great help to future speakers. Miss Turner has very kindly promised to sing as a solo "The March of the Women," by Dr. Ethel Smyth. Miss McOhee now has copies of this song, words and music, price 3d. Special thanks to Miss Hoy for the splendid way she has organised the canvass of the women municipal voters; also to all who helped her so well. Mrs. Panter Brick has taken on the arduous work of "Votes" secretary; will all members who have any spare time at all rally round her and help with this important work? Members wishing for seats at the Albert Hall are urged to apply at once. Miss Davies invites all who can to go and hear the Rev. H. D. Roberts read a paper on Olive Schreiner's book, "Women and Labour," to-night (Friday) at Liverpool. Monday, May 8.—1, Mainwaring Road, Mrs. Mahood, Miss Lee, 8 p.m.

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Office—51, Nethergate. Organiser—Miss Fraser, Smith, S.A. Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.

Mrs. Kington Parkes made a rousing speech on Tax Resistance on April 25th; Miss Moorhead in the chair. On April 28th an open-air meeting was held at the High School gates, at which Mrs. Parkes urged electors to do their best to induce Mr. Churchill to support the Conciliation Bill. Votes for Women sold well. Members are reminded that the Jumble Sale takes place to-morrow at 2.30. Helpers are asked to arrive as soon after 2 as possible. The hall will be open to-night (Friday) from 7 to 9 to arrange and price goods. The organiser will be glad to see any who can spare time to help with this work.

Saturday, May 6.—St. Mary Magdalene Schoolroom, Elmhall Street, Jumble Sale, 2.30 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 10.—Foot of Hilltown, Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m.

## EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—5, Melville Place, Queensferry Street. Organiser—Miss Lucy Burns, S.A. Tel.: 6102 Central.

Mrs. Kington Parkes discussed last Thursday the principle of Tax Resistance. An open-air campaign was held last week by Miss Hudson and Miss Gorrie in Leithgowrie, and by Miss Burn Murdoch in Fife; over thirty dozen Votes for Women were sold. During the present week Miss Gorrie and Miss Mitchell will continue the open-air work in Edinburgh and Roxburgh-shires; while in Edinburgh the combined Suffrage Societies are holding nine meetings a night to win support for the Conciliation Bill. For the Procession on June 17th it is hoped that a very large contingent will go up from Scotland. On Saturday, May 20th, a Jumble Sale will be held for the benefit of the funds. Members are asked to send "soft goods" as soon as possible to 5, Melville Place.

## GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—562, Sauchiehall Street. Tel.: 616, Charing Cross. Organiser—Miss Wylie.

Thanks to the splendid work by Miss Cook, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Boyd and the Misses McPhun the Saltcoats meeting was a pronounced success. The hall was well filled and the resolution in support of the Conciliation Bill was carried with two dissentients. Copies of the resolution have been forwarded to the member for North Ayrshire and Mr. Asquith. Mr. Hunter, a member of the Saltcoats Town Council, volunteered to second the resolution, which he did with great heartiness. Six new members joined the Union and Votes for Women sold well. Mrs. Kington Parkes made clear the aims and purpose of the Tax Resistance League at Saturday's At Home and gained two new members and several associates. Gratefully acknowledged—Mrs. Reid, £12 10s., part proceeds of a jumble sale; Mrs. White, 2s. 6d., a transferred subscription.

Friday, May 5.—Rutherglen, Miss Wylie, 8 p.m.  
Monday, May 8.—Dumbarton, Miss Wylie, 8 p.m.  
Friday, May 12.—Glydebank, Miss Wylie, 1 p.m.

## SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Election Mistress—Miss Rosa Lee, 43, Ashworth Mansions, Eglinton Avenue, W.  
Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

An interesting debate was held at last Friday's class on militant methods. Owing to the important meeting at Kensington Town Hall, there will be no class to-night, (Friday, May 5), but next week the subject will be "The Procession, June 17." Members are urged to give every minute they can spare to the outdoor campaign in connection with this class. Everyone in London must hear of the great procession on June 17, as this is a really effective and extremely useful method of advertising it, and at the same time of telling the public of the movement. Members should therefore make up their minds to give all the time they can to speaking. They are asked to send in their names to Miss Billing, who is organising the Procession Open-air Campaign.

## RULES.

1. Members of the Union only are eligible.
  2. The Class is held at 4, Clements Inn, Room 72, every Friday, at 7.45 p.m. sharp.
  3. Entrance fee 3d. weekly, proceeds to be used for the purchase of educational literature.
  4. The Library books are only to be kept one week, and must be returned or sent by post before the next class.
  5. Members are limited to ten classes, and it must be clearly understood that no one shall be admitted to these classes except intending speakers.
- The Private Classes are held at 41, Norfolk Square (Præd Street Station), by kind permission of Mrs. Ayrton, on Tuesdays, at 7.45, on Saturdays at 4 p.m.

## THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

2, Robert Street, Strand, W.C. Telephone: City 1215. President: Mrs. Forbes Robertson.

Organising Secretary: Miss Joan Dugdale.  
An At Home will be held in the Grand Hall of the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, to-day (Friday), at 3 p.m. It promises to be of exceptional interest. Speakers: The Hon. Mrs. Hanley; Miss Margaret Farquharson, M.A. of the National Political Reform League; Mr. Joseph Clayton, Secretary of the Men's League for Women's Suffrage; and Sir Francis Vane, Bart., of Hutton. Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox will be the guest of honour, and her song, "The Awakening," will be sung by Miss Muriel Terry, accompanied by the composer, Madame Teresa del Rio. Chair: Miss Adeline Bourne. Hostess: Madame Beatrice Langley. Admission free. All cordially invited.

## CONSERVATIVE &amp; UNIONIST WOMEN'S FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION.

45, Dover Street, W.

The Kensington Branch held a crowded and enthusiastic meeting at 25, Onslow Gardens, by kind permission of Mrs. Boyd Carpenter, on Wednesday, April 26, when Lady Robert Cecil took the chair, and Lady Betty Balfour and Mr. Cameron Grant were the chief speakers. Lady Betty Balfour, in moving the resolution urging the Government to grant facilities for the passage of the Conciliation Bill this session, pointed out that public opinion now demanded this reform. Mr. Cameron Grant, in an able speech, dealt with the economic aspect of the question. Short speeches followed from Mrs. Boyd Carpenter, Miss Chadwick and Lady Craggs.

## THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

Organiser—Miss Helen Ogston.  
Office—3, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge (opposite Tube Station).

During the past week successful meetings have been held at St. Leonards, Bye, and Hythe, at each of which resolutions in favour of the Conciliation Bill were carried by large majorities. At Bye a thorough canvass of the town was made, and a splendid meeting, at which Lady Brassey presided, was the result. On Tuesday, May 9, there will be a debate at the office at Home. Mrs. Cecil Chapman and Miss Ogston will speak for the Suffrage and the Lady Florence Bourke and Mrs. Gresty will oppose. A special tea and sale of fruit, flowers, &c., has been arranged for Tuesday, June 12, and for this the hon. sec. appeals for offers of help in kind and money. The society is taking part in the great procession of June 17. The committee are anxious to organise a campaign for work up the procession but can only do so if sufficient money is subscribed for the purpose and offers of personal help received.

## CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—The Bishop of Lincoln.  
Office—11, St. Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, N.W.

On May 14 special intercessions will be made for the League and its objects by the clergy of many London and provincial churches.

## CATHOLIC WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

Hon. Treas. Miss N. Whately, 12, Harcourt Terrace, The Beltons, S.W.

All Catholic men and women wishing to walk in the Procession on June 17, are asked to send in their names at once. The views of Cardinal Moran and his colleague the late Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, reprinted from *The Tablet* by kind permission of the Editors, will shortly be on sale.

## IRISH WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

The Londonderry Branch held an enthusiastic meeting in the Union Hall, Derry, on April 25. Miss Fielden, N.U.W.S.S., was the chief speaker, and gave a most interesting and eloquent address. Mr. John Greenhill presided, and Miss Margaret McCay opened the proceedings by singing "The Awakening." The resolution was passed unanimously, and many new members were enrolled.

## IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Office—Antient Concert Buildings, St. Brunswick Street, Dublin.

On Tuesday, April 25, the usual weekly meetings were resumed after the Easter recess. Mr. James Connolly was the chief speaker of the evening. Mrs. Palmer, hon. sec. spoke of the present situation, and ably analysed the Conciliation Bill. Mrs. Quinn, who presided, announced that a Jumble Sale in aid of the League funds would take place on Saturday, May 20. The I.W.F.L., with a total of 700 members, is now the largest suffrage organisation in Ireland, and within the last year has more than tripled its number of associates. General meeting for election of committee is fixed for May 16, when indoor sessions close. Open-air meetings in Phoenix Park, Kingstown, Bray and Howth will be arranged throughout the summer. Large meetings were held at Limerick and Newcastle West in support of the Conciliation Bill, at which Lady Clara, Councillor Margaret Ashton, M.A., Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington, M.A., the Mayor of Limerick, Miss Sheehy, B.A., Miss Morony, B.A., Mrs. Gibson and others spoke.

## FREE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Hon. Org. Sec.—Rev. Edward Clark, 1, Burns Road, Harlesden, London, N.W. Hon. Sec.—Miss Betty Baker, 24, Harrington Villas, Nova.

The League business meeting will be held May 31. Further particulars will be given later. Mrs. Sambrook is the speaker at a London Society meeting of P.C.L. and C.L. on Wednesday, May 12, at 3 p.m., at Mrs. McEwan's, Carisbrook, Culloden Road, Enfield. Names of those who will take part in Procession on June 17 should be sent in as soon as possible to the secretary. The names of Rev. T. Phillips, B.A., St. James Torsell, M.P., and Lady Spicer have been lately added to list of vice-presidents.

## COULSDON, SURREY.

The meeting organised by Mrs. Lorrain at Coulsdon on April 25 was a very great success. Mrs. Pankhurst naturally drawing so large an audience that an overflow meeting had to be held. Mrs. Hector took the chair in St. Andrew's Hall, and Mrs. Lorrain made a short and effective speech. Mrs. Pankhurst's speech was greatly appreciated by the audience, most of whom heard her for the first time. The cause promises to go ahead in Coulsdon. At this overflow meeting, Miss Isabel Green and Mrs. Lorrain held the audience until the arrival of Mrs. Pankhurst, who again had an attentive and enthusiastic hearing. There was a good sale of literature, and the collection more than covered expenses. The next meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Hall on the afternoon of Monday, May 22, when Lady Isabel Margesson and Mrs. Hector will speak.

## MEETING AT DORMANS.

Thanks to the splendid work of Miss Robinson, Wildeemere, Dormans Park, a most interesting meeting was held in the Parish Hall, Dormans Park, Surrey, on Friday, April 25. F. Colburn, Esq., J.P. (chair) elicited most sympathetically to the courage and enthusiasm of the militant women. Miss Nellie Guthrie in an eloquent speech on the frightful conditions under which women work in the labour market, showed by practical illustration that the Government was the worst sinner in the matter of sweating. Her speech aroused indignation and great interest among the audience. Miss Lennox followed with a brief explanation of the Conciliation Bill, and made a personal appeal to the audience to come forward and help. Conciliation Bill leaflets were distributed, a number of Votes for Women sold, and four new members gained.

## MRS. PANKHURST AT RHYL.

Mrs. Pankhurst visited Rhyll yesterday and spoke to a large audience at the Town Hall. Her name is known far and wide and is used in derision by many excellent women as freely as by little boys in the street. But history will not use her name thus; nor do those who know her now. Joan of Arc and Florence Nightingale were not more self-sacrificing, nor were their aims more noble and their struggles more severe. There cannot be anyone who was present at her inspiring meeting yesterday who did not feel impressed by her womanliness and by the justice of her plea for women. Why will you not listen to her cry, and to the cry of the thousands of other suffragists before condemning the movement of which you know so little? "Votes for Women" is not a challenge, a mere war cry. It is the demand of those who know of the terrible conditions under which thousands of their sisters live; of the sweating that is permitted even in Government factories; of the crimes which arise out of the poverty and hopelessness of thousands of voiceless women. It is the demand of educated women whose knowledge of recent history has proved to them what a tremendous power for good the vote can be.

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